

Natural Life News & Directory

Holistic & Healthy Living in the West

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Dear Future Advertiser,

Thanks for your interest in *Natural Life*! Your business will have a key presence in our magazine, now running 15+ years with this Editor/Publisher. We emphasize topics that include: nutrition and fitness, sustainable products and farming, finances, psychology, and a holistic lifestyle. Our editorial scope includes any topic that will enhance our readers' ability to stay "*healthy, wealthy and wise.*" As a Directory, people retain this magazine and refer to it for an extended time. When budgeting your advertising dollars, please consider the following:

- **Natural Life is Growing.** The print quantity ranges from 15,000–17,000, with an increasing distribution to readers in Bozeman, Livingston, Billings, Helena, Butte, Missoula, and many towns in between—all around western MT to Billings, and parts of ID & WY.
- **Reasonable Rates.** Take a look at the enclosed Rate Sheet (page 2) and compare us with another local paper... List your business in our Directory (the "Yellow Pages") for as little as **\$15 per month** (6 lines, one issue runs for two months, or \$30 per issue). When you also run a Display Ad, starting as low as **\$54** (1/12th B&W, the **20% discount** price for being in 3+ issues), then a listing in the Directory is **half off!**
- **Web Presence.** The magazine is well received and respected worldwide. Graphics are great and new columnists are coming onboard, along with several well-loved writers who've been with us for years... *Check out our web presence at NaturalLifeNews.com. Many articles get archived for free per issue, available to all worldwide as PDF downloads.*
- **"Sponsored Articles."** What information might you have to share? Sponsored Articles (see page 4) give a boost of reader awareness to our advertisers. A Sponsored Article costs **\$106 for 450 words**. (Larger articles are OK, see rates.) We include a 1/6th page color Display Ad. (Your ad must run for 2 additional issues.)
- **Do You Need to Develop/Design an Ad?** You'll be delighted by what we can produce together with your ideas and our graphics and marketing experience.

People are increasingly looking to *Natural Life* as **their source for unique and healthy activities, products and services** in Montana and beyond. Let's get you started. Contact me, the editor, directly or call your local sales representative, as listed on page 4 (in the masthead) of each issue. Welcome to our team!



Sincerely

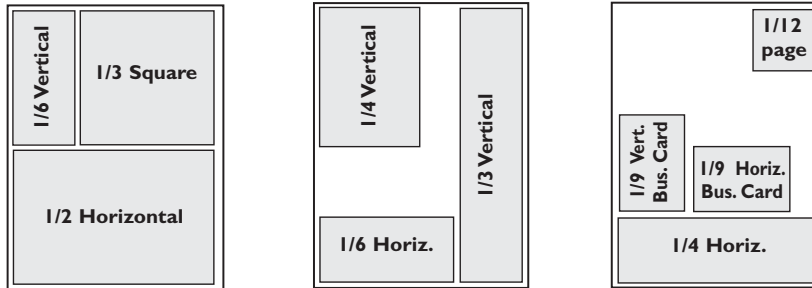
Denis Ouellette, Editor & Publisher

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DISTRIBUTION INCLUDES: BOZEMAN & BELGRADE • LIVINGSTON TO GARDINER • BILLINGS, LAUREL & COLUMBUS
• GREAT FALLS • BUTTE • HELENA • MISSOULA & THE FLATHEAD • KALISPELL • BIG SKY • PARTS OF WY & ID

AD SIZES



Width x Height (inches)

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Full: Trim: 8" x 10.5"	Bleed: 8.25" x 10.75"	1/4 Page Horizontal 7" x 2.375"
Full: Image Area 7" x 9.5"		1/4 Page Vertical 3.375" x 4.687"
1/2 Page Horizontal 7" x 4.687"		1/6 Page Horizontal 4.7" x 2.375"
1/3 Page Square 4.7" x 4.687"		1/6 Page Vertical 2.175" x 4.687"
1/3 Page Vertical 2.175" x 9.5"		1/9 Business Card (H or V) 3.5" x 2"
		1/12 Page 2.175" x 2.375"

Specifications

Circulation 15–17,000 throughout the West
 Frequency bi-monthly (6 issues/year)
 Page Count 40–56
 Ink Color black & four color
 Paper Stock 50# book newsprint

Distributed to over 500 locations including:

- Supermarkets • Natural Food Stores • Hotels & Motels
- Cafés & Restaurants • Bookstores • Retail Stores & Malls
- Fitness Facilities • Spas & Salons • Health Clinics & Offices

Advertising Creation Fee (one time)

1/12 Page Ad \$14	1/3 Page Ad \$36
1/9 Page Ad \$21	1/2 Page Ad \$47
1/6 Page Ad \$27	2/3 Page Ad \$55
1/4 Page Ad \$34	Full Page Ad \$66

Special Placement: add 15% for Inside or Outside Cover, Centerfold

Deadline. This publication is printed every other month. The Deadline for all advertising and editorial submissions is the 15th prior to the publishing month: **February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15 & December 15.**

Payment Terms. Advertisers invoiced after printing of each issue. Payment is due upon receipt of invoice. Ads will automatically repeat unless we are notified.

All advertising material shall be subject to Publisher approval. Publisher reserves the right to limit the amount of advertising or reject any advertising. Artwork created by the publisher for the advertiser is the sole property of the publisher and may not be reproduced without the express written consent of the publisher.

AD RATES~Effective 12-1-17

Listed are **Retail Prices** for 1 or 2 issues.
20% Discount for 3-Issue Commitment.
 One-year Commitment: **30% Off**
 (6 issues) must prepay for 6 issues.

Display Ad—Full-Color

	3+ issues 20% OFF	1-2 issues
Full Page	\$505	\$626
1/2 Page	\$303	\$384
1/3 Page	\$204	\$252
1/4 Page	\$160	\$197
1/6 Page	\$106	\$131
1/9 Business Card	\$85	\$105
1/12 Page	\$61	\$76

Display Ad—B&W

	3+ issues 20% OFF	1-2 issues
Full Page	\$439	\$549
1/2 Page	\$239	\$296
1/3 Page	\$164	\$204
1/4 Page	\$131	\$164
1/6 Page	\$79	\$98
1/9 Business Card	\$69	\$87
1/12 Page	\$54	\$67

Business Resource Directory Listing "Yellow Pages" (per issue)*

6-line Listing:	\$30
10-line Listing:	\$50
Each Additional Line:	\$4
Your Logo with Listing:	\$8

*Directory Listing is **only \$15** (half off!) with any display ad (1st 6 lines).

Sponsored Article: 3-Issue Commitment

Word Count/Pages: to 450 wds. (1 pg.)	\$106
to 900 wds. (2 pgs.)	\$172
to 1350 wds. (3 pgs.)	\$198

- We include your 1/6th-page Color Ad.
- Commitment: Article Placement for 1st issue and 1/6th Color Ad must run (**\$106**) in 2 more issues.

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ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

Send Ad Materials to 730 N. 11th St., Livingston, MT 59047
email: denis@wispwest.net • phone/fax: (406) 333-9800

Starting Issue: _____ Rep: _____ Date: _____

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Follow Up Call(s): _____

Ad Size:

B & W or **Color**
(circle one)

One Time / Multiple
(circle one)

Ad Creation Needed:
(yes / no)

Ad Materials Needed:
(yes / no)

Directory Listing:
(yes / no)

Use this space for Ad composition
and/or Directory Listing content:

AD RUN COMMITMENT:

of issues: _____

DISCOUNT SCHEDULE:

1-2 issues: **Retail Price**

3+ issues: **20% Off**

1 year: **30% Off** (must
prepay 6 issues)

Sponsored Article: (See Rate
Sheet.) 1/6th-page ad and list-
ing run in first issue. Ad must
run in 2nd & 3rd.

Ad Cost (per issue):

\$ _____

Directory Listing:

\$ _____

Logo in Directory:

\$ _____

Sponsored Article:

\$ _____

Ad Creation:

\$ _____

Total:

\$ _____

Office Use. Commission:

\$ _____

1) See Rate Sheet for prices on Display Ads and Business Resource Directory Listings.

2) Art and Advertising deadlines: **Dec 15** for Jan/Feb • **Feb 15** for Mar/Apr • **Apr 15** for May/Jun
Jun 15 for Jul/Aug • **Aug 15** for Sept/Oct • **Oct 15** for Nov/Dec

3) All ads will be automatically repeated in subsequent issues unless you notify us of cancellation.

4) Indicate whether ad proof is necessary: (**yes / no**). Specify proofs sent via: (**fax / e-mail**).

5) Method of Payment: Prepay [] Check # _____ Invoice Us []
[] Visa [] MasterCard use attached sales draft.

Signed by Advertiser: _____ Thank You!

Ad copy may be mailed or
e-mailed to the above address
before the deadline.

Camera-ready art must be
220 dpi at 100% of the ad size.
Photoshop TIFF or EPS, or
Press-Ready PDF only.

No charge for minor changes/
corrections to proof.

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Dear Advertiser,

Here are the GUIDELINES for a **SPONSORED ARTICLE** in *Natural Life News & Directory*:

- **Word Counts & Costs:** *up to 450 words (1 page) \$106 • up to 900 words (2 pages) \$172 • up to 1350 words (3 pages) \$198* (prorated at \$22 per extra column, 3-column format). Please submit articles to *Natural Life* as a Word attachment or copied into the body of an e-mail. Please make sure that it is proof-read and SpellChecked. New to writing? On a first draft, it's a good idea to have a few trusted friends read it and give you their feedback.
- **Educational Marketing! Non-Commercial Content. Educate first—sell later.** Please make sure the content of the article does not sound like an advertisement for the product or service you represent. Articles need to educate, inform and entertain. They should be of value to the reader *whether or not they purchase your product or service*. There can be contact information at the end of the article, and you can mention your product and service at the end of the article. The ad and directory listing that comes with the article is the means of doing the selling.
- **Commitment:** We will publish your article, along with a 1/6th color Display Ad (vertical or horizontal). The advertiser agrees to run their 1/6th color Display Ad at the regular price for 2 more issues after the article runs. (Directory Listings are optional and extra.) The editor cannot always guarantee publication of an article in the upcoming issue. In rare cases, an article may need to be “bumped” to the next issue due to lack of space. (Note: If the article is event-oriented, and the event will occur during the specific timeframe of an issue, the 3-issue commitment beyond that date is waived. Articles and ads submitted by non-profit organizations are usually at half price, space available, with no other discounts or commitments applying.)
- **Illustration(s).** Along with the logo, picture or graphic that may appear in your ad, most articles are illustrated by some kind of graphic image—a picture of the author, perhaps a shot of them in action. A logo, or another illustration for the story. All artwork needs to be sent in actual size at 300 dpi (dots per inch). Most photos taken from the Internet are at 72 dpi and usually do not have enough resolution to print properly.
- **Deadline & Proofing.** All materials need to be received two weeks prior to the publishing date. See chart below for deadline schedule. All articles are sent to a proofer. The editor reserves the right to edit or trim the article as needed for space. Editorial changes and layout will be re-submitted to the author for final approval. It's preferable to receive articles from new writers well before the deadline. *Thank you!*

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Effective Advertising Tips

by Denis Ouellette, Editor of Natural Life News & Directory

It's easy to create an effective advertising plan if you follow the experts' tried-and-true methods. In **ADVERTISING 101**, we learned: Lead with benefits, follow with features, give something away, and end with a call to action. More on these points later, but first, make sure your thinking about advertising is on the positive side. It's the engine that keeps you in the public eye and keeps customers coming—it's not a necessary evil! Create your own buzz. Your paper ads should be an important part of several ways you promote yourself... give free talks, write articles, do expos, and everyone's favorite, generate word of mouth.

Plan for the long haul. A smaller ad run all year is always more effective than a single larger ad. Find an ad size that fits your monthly budget and stick with it. If you're thinking, "I'll try it once and see how many calls I get," you're wasting your money. Will people be able to find you when they're ready for you? (*Natural Life* often gets calls from customers looking for former advertisers!)

It's rare for a customer to call you when they first see your ad. Molly Gordon in her popular book,

Authentic Promotion, says you must be consistent and patient with your marketing. She illustrates her point with a typical scenario. The **1st time** a customer comes across your offer: He doesn't see it. **2nd time**: It's a faint blip on his radar. **3rd time**: He faintly recollects having seen it before. **4th time**: He actually looks at it. **5th time**: He reads it through and says, "Whatever." **6th time**: He wonders if it would amount to anything. **7th time**: He asks a friend about it. **8th time**: He remembers he's wanted this for some time. **9th time**: He's interested but realizes he can't afford it. **10th time**: He swears at his own poverty. **11th time**: He checks his bank account. **12th time**: He buys!... but what if YOU gave up after the third time?

Back to Advertising 101:

✓ **LEAD WITH BENEFITS.** The customer always wants to know, "What's in it for me?... What problem will you solve?" Show them you can fulfill their specific needs and you've won them. Needs are often emotional, and the big headlines should be attention grabbers that appeal to the emotions. But be specific and avoid tired buzzwords that carry little meaning, such as *safe and effective, unique, and breakthrough.*

✓ FOLLOW WITH FEATURES.

Ever notice how the full-page car ads reserve things like: V6 with 6-speed automatic transmission, 30 CITY/38 HWY MPG, front wheel drive, dual air bags, for the extreme fine print? Manufacturers love their features, but customers buy on feelings! And remember that your name, business name and credentials are features, not benefits, and they belong last.

✓ GIVE SOMETHING AWAY.

People love a bargain, even more so if they can get it free! Offer free services with your first visit. How about a free report that speaks directly to your target audience?

✓ END WITH A CALL TO ACTION.

Don't shy away from telling people what you want them to do. And finally, KEEP IT SIMPLE. Stick to these main points and reduce the clutter. ■

Still feel stumped? Ask your *Natural Life* sales rep for help with your marketing plan and ad concepts. Our "yellow-pages" business directory is affordable to anyone—only \$15.00 a month for six lines. If you're running a display ad, we take half off of that!

Make a commitment with us and you get a deal. It's 20% off for 3 runs, and 30% off for a year's contract—that's six issues for the price of four.

Do you like to write? Ask us about publishing your own Sponsored Article. Along with your ad and directory listing—it's a great promotional tool!

To our Advertisers... Stay with us and save big!

20% OFF when you advertise for six months or more (3+ issues)

30% OFF for a one-year commitment (6 issues) (prepaid for 6 issues)

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