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## **Artwork Preparation Instructions Using Illustrator Templates:**

Create or copy/paste your artwork into the "artwork" layer of the appropriate Illustrator eps template and line it up under the template guides (layer). Then save it out as an Illustrator eps file.

If you are creating your artwork in Illustrator, then you can create it directly in the artwork layer of the Illustrator template file.

If you are creating your artwork in photoshop, then flatten your layers in photoshop and save it out as a 300dpi cmyk tiff image without the circles cut out (if it is a CD label - it should just be a square image), then FILE>OPEN the tiff in Illustrator, copy it, and then paste it into the artwork layer of the template and line it up under the template guides layer. (Please use FILE>OPEN from Illustrator when opening your tiff to copy/paste it into the template; do not use FILE>PLACE - placing only links your outside tiff image to your eps file.)

It is recommended that all text should be created in Illustrator (vector based) for the highest quality printing. So if you are creating your background image in photoshop and your text separately in Illustrator, follow the steps above to create your cmyk tiff image and then create and format your text in Illustrator.

**\*\*VERY IMPORTANT\*\*** - When you are finished laying out your design and before you save out your eps file, select ALL text and go to TYPE>"CREATE OUTLINES". This will make all of your text vector based artwork (not editable). Once this is done, no fonts are necessary to open the file.

For further assistance, please call (949) 474-6085.