



Marijuana/Cannabis Cultivation Frequently Asked Questions

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Marijuana/cannabis may be cultivated for personal use within the Calistoga city limits under certain conditions. The following information answers common questions about cultivation regulations. Please contact the Calistoga Planning Department for further information at 707.942.2827.

Q. How many marijuana/cannabis plants may be cultivated?

- A.** Up to 6 plants per dwelling unit may be planted, cultivated, harvested, dried and processed. This limit applies regardless of how many individuals reside at the dwelling unit.

Q. What are the limitations on indoor cultivation?

- A.** Plants may be cultivated within 1) a dwelling unit and/or 2) a structure that is accessory to a dwelling unit located upon the same parcel, located at least 10 feet from any property line. Cultivation in a garage associated with a residence shall not prevent compliance with the minimum Zoning Code parking requirements.

Q. Where can marijuana/cannabis plants be cultivated outdoors?

- A.** Plants may be cultivated outdoors on a parcel if it has one or more dwelling units, and if it is located in the Rural Residential (RR), Rural Residential-Hillside (RR-H) or One-Family Residential (R-1 and R-1-10) Zoning District.

However, outdoor cultivation is prohibited on a parcel in these zoning districts if it is within 300 feet of a school, religious facility, park, child care facility, recreation center or youth-oriented facility. The distance is measured in a straight line from the closest property line of the parcel.

Q. How many plants can be cultivated outdoors?

- A.** Up to two plants per qualified parcel may be cultivated outdoors.

Q. What security measures apply to outdoor cultivation?

- A.** Outdoor cultivation must be enclosed by a solid fence at least six feet in height.

Marijuana plants may not be visible from a public right-of-way or from a neighboring property at ground level.

Q. What off-site impacts from cultivation are prohibited?

- A.** Odor, vibration and/or light associated with cultivation that causes discomfort or annoyance to any reasonable person of normal sensitivities residing in the area are prohibited.

Any structure used for marijuana cultivation must have a ventilation and filtration system that prevents odors from exiting the interior of the structure and that complies with the California Building Standards Code.

Q. What hazardous materials and processes related to cultivation are prohibited?

- A.** The use of ozone generators and supplemental carbon dioxide to cultivate marijuana is prohibited.

The use of compressed, flammable gas as a solvent in the extraction of tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) or other cannabinoids to cultivate marijuana is prohibited.