

PESTICIDE USE ON CANNABIS PLANTS

WHAT ARE PESTICIDES?

Pesticides are substances used for killing, repelling, or controlling pests (i.e., insects, weeds, molds, and bacteria) that are harmful to cultivated plants.

HOW CAN I USE PESTICIDES SAFELY?

Research your chosen pesticides both for their suitability for cannabis plants and their safety for use around household members. Only pesticides that pose little risk to human health or the environment should be considered for use, if used at all. Follow the directions on product labels, and test soil whenever possible.

ARE PESTICIDES HARMFUL TO HUMANS?

Though pesticides seem like an easy solution for pest removal, many are not approved to be used with cannabis consumption. Unwanted side effects can occur when chemicals are heated and inhaled. Some pesticides carry short- and long-term health risks, such as dizziness, nausea, rash, or death. The impact of pesticides on people differs based on length and type of exposure.

CAN I PROTECT MY PLANTS WITHOUT PESTICIDES?

Consider organic, regenerative agricultural practices to reduce the threat of pests and maintain healthy soil and plants. Cannabis plants can be grown in a controlled environment indoors to limit exposure to unwanted pests. Certain bugs, such as ladybugs, eat pests that attack plants without harming the plants themselves.

HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF IF I CHOOSE TO USE PESTICIDES?



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Keep the growing area clean and well ventilated.

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Limit the length of time you are exposed to pesticides.

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Use protective gear to prevent inhalation and direct skin contact.