

How to Avoid Using Harmful Pesticides on Cannabis

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In all horticulture, and especially in cannabis growing operations (outdoor farms, indoor greenhouses, and grow facilities, known as "grows"), it is inevitable there will be insects, molds, and fungus to mitigate. When starting a grow, the growers and stakeholders need to decide to invest in a set-up to prevent infestations, or to mitigate these infestations when they inevitably occur. Effective August 1, 2018, the MED will require testing for harmful pesticides on every harvest batch. The MED also banned 13 harmful pesticides from being used in production. We do not have a single one in our grow facility, never have, and never will.

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WHAT ARE WAYS A GROWER CAN KEEP AGRICULTURAL OPPORTUNISTS FROM TAKING OVER THE PLANTS?

Biosecurity Protocols

- Visitors restricted
- Staff and visitors clothes and shoes changed, washed daily
- Clean growing environment to avoid cross-contamination

Daily Monitoring of Grow Environment

- Keep a close record of the air temperature and relative humidity and adjust to keep within tolerances that are good for the plant and, at the same time, discourages the formation an AO breeding ground.
- Take proactive steps to mitigate with beneficials and organic or OMRI approved natural ingredients.

THE GROWER'S CHOICE:

INVEST IN A PROACTIVE GROW METHOD

Monitoring and controlling air temperature and relative humidity discourages mold, fungus, and insect growth, allowing the plants to thrive.

USE SOFTER MEANS OF CONTROL

The Silverpeak Way – by building a fully climate-controlled grow facility and taking preventative measures throughout the grow cycle, we grow healthy plants that never require harmful pesticides.

DON'T INVEST IN PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Fast outbreak of AO's feeding on plants. This steals nutrition, weakening the plant. Often the signs are revealed just before harvest and it is too late to mitigate with softer means.

USE HARMFUL PESTICIDES

Growers are faced with an economic problem: kill the harvest, or use chemicals to salvage? Too frequently, harmful pesticides are used as a fast and strong solution.