

Marijuana Cultivation is Rampant!

Medicinal and recreational marijuana is growing in every city and town in North America. With more than 870,000 marijuana arrests in 2007, why does this quiet groundswell of growers continue to flourish?

In an unstable economic and political climate, the Internet has taken medical marijuana and seed sales to new highs. Anybody online can find marijuana seeds and information on growing. New potent varieties of marijuana have been bred to acclimate perfectly to indoor growing. According to cannabis author, Jorge Cervantes, "Up to six crops a year can be grown in a small closet; that's three pounds of dry marijuana."

Why are more people growing marijuana than ever before?

Becoming an expert on security (in the grow room and on the Internet), seeds, growing, harvesting—everything you need to know—is as easy as hitting a website or buying a book.

Grow indoors with supplies from the hardware store. Advances in technology make it easy to find everything necessary to set up an indoor marijuana garden. Lights and other grow supplies are inexpensive and readily available. With a couple hundred dollars a grower can set up a simple garden.

Plug-and-play gardens are available on the Internet. Grow closets can be shipped for a reasonable price. These simple "just add water" systems take most of the guesswork out of growing.

This underground movement is difficult for budget-weary law enforcement to police. Pressures on the judicial and prison systems are also increasing during the current economic downturn. Productive, nonviolent citizens are still being incarcerated at government expense. Local, state, and federal budgets are sparse and marijuana enforcement may soon take a backseat.

Medical marijuana is currently available in 13 states and pending in others. The new Obama administration has a hands-off policy toward state's rights and medical marijuana. But medical cannabis sells for top dollar. The biggest cash crop in the nation could be growing next door in your neighbor's home.



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