

Making the transition from counter culture to over-the-counter culture

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With legal use of cannabis comes certain responsibilities.

Cannabis outlets share their neighborhoods with homes and businesses. To be successful, they work hard to establish a positive relationship with their neighbors, the city, and the police department. The most likely cause for trouble is complaints by neighbors regarding operations or the activities of their clientele.

The Oaksterdam News suggests that everyone follow some common sense, good-neighbor principles.

Please be respectful of the neighbors' rights, privacy and property. Never litter.

Always be careful and courteous when driving, particularly when entering or exiting neighborhoods and parking areas.

Be very careful not to block or park in driveways or in the neighbors' parking lots. You will probably be inside the establishment longer than you think.

No loitering or nuisance behavior around cannabis outlets.

Not everyone shares your opinions about marijuana or your taste in music. Keep the volume down.

Do not divide-up or consume your cannabis inside your car or on the streets around your favorite outlet, or in the vicinity of a school.

A physician's approval is not a trophy. Don't wave it around and act like it is.

If you have an indoor home garden, keep the grow area under 100 square feet and be sure that any electrical or plumbing is safe and up to code.

These simple guidelines will help keep the state's cannabis collectives and outlets operating smoothly and with less legal interference.