

New York Cannabis Agency Unveils Cultivation Rules and License Updates

The New York Cannabis Control Board (CCB) has authorized new rules permitting adults over 21 to cultivate cannabis at home starting June 11. The regulations allow for up to six plants per household, with specific provisions for mature and immature plants based on the number of adults residing there.

Possession and Legal Framework

Under the new rules, individuals can possess up to five pounds of trimmed cannabis and equivalent amounts in concentrates on their property. They can also carry up to three ounces of cannabis and 24 grams of concentrates within the state.

Legal Acquisition of Cannabis Plants

Seeds will be available for purchase at commercial retailers, and licensed cannabis businesses can sell immature plants. The guidelines emphasize safety measures during home product processing, prohibiting flammable materials and suggesting alternative extraction methods.

Managing Odors and Safety Precautions

Home growers are required to mitigate cannabis odors to avoid disturbing neighbors, suggesting methods such as co-planting with lavender or using carbon filters. Safety guidelines include using LED lights, ensuring proper ventilation, and consulting electricians to prevent hazards.

New Round of Adult-Use Cannabis Licenses Approved

Governor Kathy Hochul announced the approval of 105 additional adult-use cannabis licenses by the CCB on June 11, marking a significant step in expanding New York's legal cannabis market. The licenses include cultivators, distributors, microbusinesses, processors, and dispensaries, with a substantial portion allocated to equity applicants.

Equity and Market Expansion

CCB Chair Tremaine Wright highlighted the board's commitment to growth, equity, and safety in advancing New York's cannabis industry. The approvals reflect ongoing efforts to diversify market participation and provide opportunities for a broad range of applicants.