

Medical Marijuana

The General Counsel's staff at Colorado State University has provided the following information to CSU Extension in regard to Medical and Recreational Marijuana, and Industrial Hemp.

Despite the passage of Amendment 64, the selling or use of Marijuana remains prohibited on campus. These restrictions apply to all Colorado State University Extension staff members to include Master Gardener volunteers.

1. While the use of Medical and Recreational Marijuana are legal in the state of Colorado, Marijuana remains a schedule 1 illegal drug under Federal law and as such, Colorado State University Extension cannot be involved with this item.
 - a. Assistance with Marijuana plant health questions will not be provided.
 - b. Individuals requesting such information will not be provided referral information.
2. Our offices are considered drug free workplaces as CSU is a Federal contractor.
 - a. Marijuana plants and/or plant parts are not permitted in CSU Extension offices.
 - b. Marijuana plants or plant parts delivered to or left at CSU Extension offices will be turned over to legal authorities for destruction.
3. If CSU Extension employees or volunteers (including Master Gardeners) assist marijuana growers, they will be acting outside the scope of their employee/volunteer role and assume personal liability for any legal action that may be taken against them.
4. CSU Extension employees are prohibited from consulting in the cultivation, sale, distribution and use of marijuana, as this is not in the scope of their employment.
 - a. Federal law continues to enforce the criminalization of marijuana.
 - b. Federal law agencies have increased enforcement against those who facilitate the illegal use of marijuana and can prosecute users and growers with the threat of personal liability, despite state law legalizing use or production.
 - c. Individuals holding a DEA research license can have their licensed revoked for failure to comply with federal laws.
5. Although permitted by Amendment 64, the cultivation of Hemp is not legal under federal marijuana laws as the two plants are treated the same. The prohibitions set forth above apply to Industrial Hemp as well.