



USING & GROWING CANNABIS IN HALTON HILLS

Frequently Asked Questions - updated

This information has been provided as a courtesy to support understanding about cannabis. Content will be updated as new information becomes available.

Q1: Where can residents legally use cannabis?

A1: The government passed legislation on October 17, 2018 that allows cannabis to be consumed where tobacco products are allowed.

Q2: Where can residents legally grow cannabis?

A2: For recreational cannabis users, the legislation permits 4 plants per residence. Cannabis use for medical purposes is governed by Health Canada, under the *Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulation*. Individuals with a prescription to use cannabis for medical reasons may grow it themselves in quantities stipulated by their prescription or designate the growing to someone else who holds a designated producer license.

Q3: Where can residents legally purchase cannabis?

A3: Online sales through the Ontario Cannabis Store (the Province of Ontario's official agency) will begin October 17. Per the Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, brick and mortar stores will be allowed to open in April of 2019 in municipalities that have agreed to have them. Halton Hills Town Council will make this decision at its meeting of January 21 to meet the January 22 deadline. For more information, see the Cannabis Retail FAQs sheet.

Q4: Is smoking marijuana harmful?

A4: Research shows that smoking marijuana can induce short-term effects such as impaired judgment and long-term use can result in a number of impairments including memory. Additional information is available at halton.ca and Canada.ca

Q5: If I smell cannabis in a public area, where can I report it?

A5: Under the Cannabis Act, the smell of cannabis is not deemed an enforceable

offense. If a person is consuming cannabis in a prohibited area, then a call can be made to 311 and callers will be directed to the Public Health Enforcement Unit.

Q6: What is the Town doing in regards to establishing licensed commercial cannabis production operations?

A6: Currently, there are no commercial cannabis production operations in Halton Hills. The Town must determine where these operations will be allowed and amend the zoning by-laws accordingly. Some of the associated impacts the Town must consider include regulation and enforcement, security obligations by operators and permitted use (e.g. crops for medical and/or recreational use). The issue is complex and the Town is working with regulatory agencies, legal counsel and receiving information from other municipalities in order to develop by-laws that meet the needs of the Halton Hills community

Q7: Will Halton Hills residents be able to participate and comment on cannabis use and production within the Town?

A7: Yes. A survey on cannabis is available on the Town's engagement platform, letstalkhaltonhills.ca.