

# Connecticut's Legalized Recreational Marijuana (Cannabis) Law

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Recreational marijuana became legal in Connecticut on July 1, 2021, which makes the use and possession of small amounts of recreational marijuana legal for adults. There are still many facets of the law that will need to be studied and state and local municipalities will have to determine how to define, regulate and implement the law in their communities in the next few years.

## What the law currently allows:

Possession of 1.5 oz of cannabis is now legal. Any consumer of cannabis, ages 21 years and older can grow up to three mature plants and three immature plants indoors, up to a maximum of 12 plants in their own households, provided that those plants are indoors, secure and can't be accessed by another person other than the consumer.

## Adult-use cannabis (recreational) implemented starting January 10, 2023:

- Purchasing legal marijuana is available in retail stores at designated sites throughout Connecticut. For more details, visit: [Adult-Use Cannabis in Connecticut](#)

The new bill prohibits smoking of marijuana in state parks, on beaches, on the water, in workplaces, hotels and within 25 feet of an entrance. Property owners, landlords, and rental companies may ban the use and possession of marijuana on their premises. Communities with a population of 50,000 or more, will have to set up one public place for individuals to be able to smoke, but municipalities can ban retail sales through zoning and regulate public use, just like they can do currently with the smoking of tobacco.

Cannabis product may be illegal outside of Connecticut.

- Please Consume Responsibly.
- Marijuana can impair concentration, coordination and judgment. Do not operate a vehicle or machinery under the influence of this drug.
- For use only by adults 21 years of age or older. Keep out of the reach of children.

Link here to the State of Connecticut's Cannabis webpage for more information on the law: [https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/What-is-in-effect-now?language=en\\_US](https://portal.ct.gov/cannabis/What-is-in-effect-now?language=en_US)

For information on Connecticut's Medical Marijuana Program, visit the 211 eLibrary paper: [Medical Marijuana Program – United Way of Connecticut – 211 and eLibrary \(211ct.org\)](#)

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