



Ensuring Your Visit is to a Licensed Montana Marijuana Dispensary:



How can you ensure your visit is to a licensed Montana marijuana dispensary?

Adult and medical use marijuana is regulated by the Cannabis Control Division (CCD or the department) and sold at licensed dispensaries to consumers.

Unregulated, or illegal marijuana, remains an unfortunate presence in the state of Montana. These illegal marijuana operations do not comply with the requirements that all marijuana and marijuana products sold to consumers must be tested by a licensed laboratory before they are allowed to be sold to consumers; their products are potentially hazardous.

However, there are steps that individuals can take to ensure that they are visiting a legitimate, licensed Montana marijuana dispensary to purchase and consume regulated marijuana.

Let's look at some of the steps that the department recommends you follow to ensure that your visit to a dispensary in the state of Montana is to one that is licensed.

#1-Visit our department website for an updated list of licensed Montana dispensaries:

- o The department maintains a list of licensed marijuana dispensaries on our website and the department updates this list monthly.
- o You can find the list by going to our [website](#) and looking at our **Program Resources** tab to review the **Licensed Dispensary List**. (Click on this list to access it).

Program Resources

- Sales Reports
- Licensed Manufacturer List
- Licensed Testing Laboratory List
- Local Option Tax Information and County Map
- Marijuana Regulation and Taxation (MCA Title 16, Chapter 12)
- Apply for an Alternative Nicotine or Vapor License or other Tobacco Products License
- Civil Penalties
- Licensed Dispensary List 
- Licensed Cultivator List
- Licensed Transporter List
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Montana Cannabis Control Administrative Rules
- Cannabis Product Recalls

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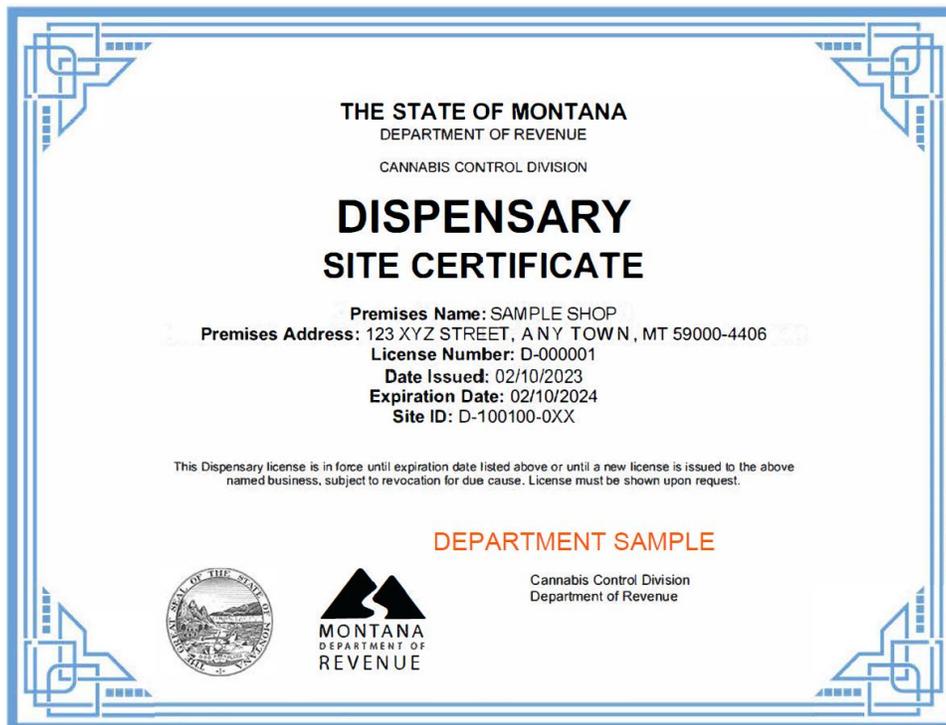
If the marijuana dispensary is not on this list—skip it!

- o The list will state the name of the dispensary, their city of location, their phone number, and indicates if that dispensary is only licensed to sell medical marijuana or if they are also permitted to sell adult-use marijuana and marijuana products to individuals that are 21 years of age and older.

NOTE: remember that some dispensaries can **only** sell medical marijuana at this current time, while some dispensaries can sell medical and adult-use marijuana and marijuana products.

#2-Is their site certificate clearly displayed?

- o All licensed marijuana premises are issued a site certificate by the department; the licensee must conspicuously display this certificate at their business location.
- o Below is an example of a site certificate issued by the department to a marijuana licensee operating a dispensary.
 - The certificate lists the premises name, address, license number, the date the certificate was issued, and the date that the certificate expires. Marijuana licensees must renew their licenses yearly.



**Does the dispensary have their site certificate prominently displayed?
If the business does not—skip it!**

#3-Hours of operation:

- All licensed Montana dispensaries may only operate between the hours of **9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily**. If you stop by an establishment claiming to be a licensed dispensary but operating before 9 a.m. or after 8 p.m.—skip it!



Licensed marijuana dispensaries operating in Montana can open for business, each day, no earlier than 9 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m.

If you stop by during hours they should not be operating—skip it!

#4-Mandatory business signage for all licensed marijuana dispensaries:

- All licensed Montana dispensaries are required to have the following signage/notices clearly displayed at their location (verbatim):
 - "Persons under twenty-one years of age not permitted on these premises without a valid registry identification card or valid worker permit. Registered cardholders under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a legal guardian."
 - "No on-site consumption of marijuana or marijuana products."
 - "No on-site opening of marijuana or marijuana products."



No required dispensary signage? Skip it!

#5-Is marijuana being consumed/products being opened on the premises?

- o Consumption of marijuana and marijuana products at a licensed dispensary premises is prohibited (and prohibited at any licensed premises).
- o Licensed dispensaries do not allow consumers to use or open marijuana and marijuana products on their site, as this could jeopardize their business license.



If you visit a location claiming to be a licensed dispensary that allows on-site consumption of marijuana and marijuana products—skip it!

When you purchase marijuana and marijuana products from a licensed Montana dispensary, you are purchasing marijuana that has been tested, you have purchased marijuana that creates jobs across the state, and you have purchased marijuana that is taxed. These taxes help to fund state and local programs.

Sources

- o [Montana Administrative Rule, ARM 42.39.122-Licensed Premises-Mandatory Signage](#)
- o [Montana Code Annotated, MCA § 16-12-104-Department responsibilities—licensure](#)
- o [Montana Code Annotated, MCA § 16-12-207-Licensing as Privilege—criteria](#)