



Recreational Marijuana Program

Information Bulletin

Cannabis Tracking System (Metrc) batch tagging

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The Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission (OLCC) is providing the following information to recreational marijuana licensees.

Marijuana licensees and laboratory licensees are responsible for reading, understanding, and complying with all applicable rules. This bulletin does not supersede any OLCC rule. If you do not understand it, please contact the OLCC for help.

This information bulletin covers the following issues:

- Batch-tagging option in Metrc

Background

Streamline plant tagging and reduce plastic waste with Oregon's new batch tagging option available for cannabis plants starting June 17, 2024. This update allows producers to tag groups of plants with a single tag instead of individually tagging each plant. The rules regarding this change can be found at in [OAR 845-025-7520](#) Unique Identification (UID) Tags, [OAR 845-025-7570](#) Seed-To-Sale Tracking - Cultivation of Marijuana Plants, and [OAR 845-025-7580](#) Reconciliation with Inventory.

The maximum number of plants per group remains 100. These plants must be the same strain, grouped together in the same contiguous area, and physically separated and demarcated from other plant batches. The tag(s) will be affixed to the outermost plant in the batch or the segregated area where the batch is located.

Group plant tag pre-orders should be available in Metrc by May 20, 2024. Batch tags will be available in quantities of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50, and 100 to meet producer needs. Tags will cost \$0.45 multiplied by the maximum number of plants; for example, a tag with a max quantity of 5 plants will cost \$2.25 (5 x \$0.45) and a tag with a max quantity of 100 plants will cost \$45 (100 x \$0.45).

Producers can decide how many tags they want to use for a batch as long as there are enough counts within the tags for each plant. For example, a group of 77 plants can now be tracked with a single tag for 100 plants, to minimize staff costs and plastic usage, or a tag for 50 plus a tag for 25 and two 1 plant tags, to minimize the amount spent on tags and staff time.

Producers may continue tagging individual plants using single-plant tags if they desire. There is no limit on the number of plant batches present at a licensed location.

To ensure outdoor producers do not need to "double tag" during the upcoming planting season, OLCC also temporarily modified the plant height tagging requirement for outdoor producers and for the

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outdoor canopy of mixed producers. Until June 17, plants over 36 inches will not be required to be tagged if they are not flowering. If a plant is flowering during that date range, it will need to be tagged.

Metrc plans to publish bulletins with more information on the new feature in May. Metrc will also offer an on-demand training session in Metrc Learn (<https://learn.metrc.com/>) around the end of April.

The OLCC is committed to supporting producers with this new option. We are working with Metrc to provide information about the new option and training as soon as it is available.

Key Dates

- **April 18:** Rules approved by the OLCC
- **April 18 to June 17:** Non-flowering outdoor plants over 36 inches tall do not have to be tagged unless they are flowering.
- **April 29:** Metrc Learn will have training available
- **Early-to-mid May:** Bulletins published with additional information
- **May 20:** Group plant tag pre-orders open
- **June 17:** Plant batch tagging begins in Metrc