



Marijuana Waste Management

This document is to be used as a guide for non-mandatory marijuana waste management and disposal. If you have product that has failed pesticide tests the OLCC will send you a separate destruction notice.

General requirements. Render the marijuana or marijuana item unfit for human or animal consumption or use at the licensed premises. **For more information on cannabis disposal, and disposal facilities available in your area, visit the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) website:**

<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Regulations/Pages/Marijuana-Regulation.aspx>

Disposal methods include, but are not limited to, the following:

Marijuana Item	Methods to render items unusable prior to disposal	Disposal Method
Marijuana Plants and Usable Marijuana	Mix with yard debris, wood chips, sawdust, manure, etc.	Compost, landfill if composting not available or feasible
	Mix with soil, sand, other garbage	Landfill if composting not available or feasible
	Burning as permitted by law (see below)	Compost, landfill if composting not available or feasible
Liquid Concentrate or Extract		
Determine if the concentrate is hazardous waste	If not a hazardous waste, absorb in cat litter, sand or similar substance	Landfill
	If a hazardous waste contact DEQ for assistance with how to manage	Hazardous Waste disposal
Solid concentrate or extract		
Determine if the concentrate is hazardous waste	If not a hazardous waste, mix with soil, sand, garbage	Landfill
	If a hazardous waste contact DEQ for assistance to manage as hazardous waste	Hazardous Waste disposal

Security. After rendering marijuana or marijuana items unusable, the unusable material must be stored in a secure locked container that cannot be readily moved or inside a locked, secure, building until it can be transferred to compost facility or landfill. If the waste is generated post-harvest or if an entire marijuana plant greater than 24 inches tall is designated as waste, the waste must be held on the licensed premises at a location where there is camera coverage for at least three business days prior to disposal.

Burning. Burning marijuana plants may be an option in certain agricultural areas. For more information on restrictions and requirements for disposal by burning, check with your local fire department and review Oregon DEQ requirements. Oregon DEQ guidance is available on its website, including guidance on outdoor burning available at: <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/FilterDocs/OpenBurnEng.pdf>. In the Willamette Valley, call the Agricultural Burn Line at 503-986-4755 and follow the burn recommendations provided on the daily updated recording.

Hazardous Waste Determination. The extraction process is considered an industrial process, which means generated waste is industrial waste. Industrial waste generators must determine if their waste is hazardous waste requiring special management and regulation. In most cases cannabis extracts are not considered hazardous waste. For assistance contact the DEQ Hazardous Waste Technical Assistance contact responsible for your county.