

County of El Dorado

Agriculture, Weights & Measures



Industrial Hemp Cultivation Best Management Practices

These best management practices regarding the cultivation of industrial hemp consistent to implement the standards in Chapter 130.43 of the El Dorado County Ordinance Code, adopting a pilot program regarding cultivation of industrial hemp.

General Standards:

- All hemp nursery stock shall be inspected for pests and disease before planting.
- Lighting – refer to El Dorado Zoning Code, Sec. 130.34.020 – Outdoor lighting Standards.
- All Buildings – refer to El Dorado Zoning Code, Title 110 – Building and Construction
- A complete site plan will be submitted that includes:
 - The entire parcel or parcels used for cultivation
 - Setbacks, as applicable
 - A legal description: GPS coordinates, and a map including cultivation site acreage and location
 - Easements on the property
 - All areas of ground disturbances associated with cultivation
 - Identify any areas where hemp will be stored, handled, or displayed
 - A detailed diagram of the parcel or parcels used for cultivation, including any buildings, structures, fences, gates, parking, lighting and signag

Pesticides:

- Comply with all applicable pesticide laws and regulations as enforced by the California Department of Pesticide Regulations.
- Prior to the use of any pesticides, obtain an Operator Identification number or Restricted Materials Permit for the El Dorado County Dept. of Agriculture

Grading and Erosion:

- Identify all legal water sources for cultivation
- All agricultural grading activities that convert undisturbed vegetation to agricultural cropland, in the unincorporated area of El Dorado County, may be required to obtain an agricultural grading permit. Refer to [Ag Grading Permits and BMP's \(edcgov.us\)](#), for requirements
- Manage the site so that there is no discharge off the site of any cultivation materials, crop residues or soil.

Odor and Pollen Spread:

- Only female plants are allowed. Promptly destroy all male propagative material that is discovered. Crop sites should be walked, on a daily basis, to ensure compliance.
- The cultivation site should be located to minimize odors to surrounding sites. Any odor associated with cultivation or processing activities shall not be greater than a seven-dilution threshold when measured from the property line. Abatement may be required if not in compliance.

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