

Seasonal marijuana growing is usually done on land owned or leased by individuals or organizations. Unfortunately, some people choose to raise their illicit crops on publicly owned land where there is little or no direct access to the public. Some grow their crops in greenhouses and some in wide-open spaces. The unpredictability is what makes growers hard to detect. These are some common indicators of illegal grows.

### Indoor Marijuana Grows

- Windows that would normally be open are always covered
- Outbuildings have air conditioners
- Water lines run to the basement or to outbuildings
- Electrical cords run to basements or outbuildings
- Unusual number of roof vents or exhaust fans
- Ballast noise
- Window sweating
- Utility meter tampered with, allegedly damaged, broken seals
- Excess potting soil or other grow mediums on property
- Utilities obtained under assumed names with payment in cash
- Unexplained and unreasonably high utility bills
- Purchase of expensive heating lamps for unexplained use
- House rented under an assumed name and paid for in cash

### Outdoor Marijuana Grows

- Individuals from another state or area paying large cash down-payments for tracts of land
- Individuals with no ranching/farming experience that type of land
- Unusual amount of vehicle traffic (especially at night)
- Property with excessive security postings (“keep out,” “no trespassing” etc.), heavy chains, high fences
- Use of guard dogs, especially in certain areas of the property (around outbuildings)