



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 1301:18-8-04 Dispensary General Sanitary Requirements.

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(A) Each dispensary shall establish, maintain, and comply with written policies and procedures for the safe, sanitary, and clean distribution of cannabis at the licensed premises. Each dispensary shall ensure all policies and procedures ensure the following:

(1) Each dispensary is equipped as to land, buildings, and equipment to properly carry on the business of a cannabis dispensary.

(2) Any building or equipment used for the storage or sale of cannabis is maintained in a clean, orderly, and sanitary condition, free from infestation by insects, rodents, birds, or pests.

(3) The facility and equipment used by a dispensary for the storage or sale of cannabis is to be cleaned in a manner and as frequently as necessary to protect against contamination of cannabis.

(4) Personnel:

(a) Disease control. Any employee who, by medical examination or supervisory observation, is shown to have, or appears to have, an illness, open lesion, including boils, sores, or infected wounds, or any other abnormal source of microbial contamination by which there is a reasonable possibility of cannabis, cannabis-contact surfaces, or cannabis-packaging materials becoming contaminated, are to be excluded from any operations which may be expected to result in such contamination until the condition is corrected, unless conditions such as open lesions, boils, and infected wounds are adequately covered (e.g., by an impermeable cover).

(b) Personnel are to be instructed to report such health conditions to their supervisors.

(5) Cleanliness. All employees are to maintain adequate personal cleanliness while engaged in employment activities.



(a) Each employee is to clean their hands and the exposed portions of their arms using a cleaning compound in a hand-washing sink that is appropriately equipped, at the following times at a minimum: after using the toilet facilities, after coughing, sneezing, using a handkerchief or disposable tissue, using tobacco, eating, or drinking, and after engaging in other activities that contaminate the hands.

(6) Grounds. The grounds about the licensed premises under the control of the licensee is to be kept in a condition that will protect against the contamination of cannabis. The methods for adequate maintenance of grounds are to include:

(a) Properly storing equipment, removing litter and waste, and cutting weeds or grass within the immediate vicinity of the facility that may constitute an attractant, breeding place, or harborage for pests.

(b) Adequately draining areas that may contribute contamination to cannabis by seepage, foot-borne filth, or providing a breeding place for pests.

(c) Operating systems for waste treatment and disposal in an adequate manner so that they do not constitute a source of contamination.

(d) If the licensed premises grounds are bordered by grounds not under the licensee's control and not maintained in the manner described by this paragraph, care is to be exercised in the facility by inspection, extermination, or other means to exclude pests, dirt, and filth that may be a source of cannabis contamination.

(7) Facility. A dispensary facility is to be suitable in size, construction, and design to facilitate maintenance and sanitary operations for storing and distributing cannabis and to do the following:

(a) Provide adequate space for such placement of equipment and storage of materials as is necessary for maintenance, sanitary operations, and the distribution of safe cannabis.

(b) Be constructed in such a manner that floors, walls, and ceilings may be adequately cleaned and kept clean and kept in good repair; that drip or condensate from fixtures, ducts and pipes does not



contaminate cannabis; and that aisles or working spaces are provided between equipment and walls and are adequately unobstructed and of adequate width to permit employees to perform their duties and to protect against contaminating cannabis.

(c) Each facility is to provide employees with adequate, readily accessible toilet facilities.

(d) Toilet facilities are to be kept clean and cannot be a potential source of contamination of cannabis.

(e) Each facility is to contain a sink fully stocked with the following:

(i) Disposable, single-use paper towels in a mounted dispenser;

(ii) Hand washing soap contained in a dispenser; and

(iii) A trash can conveniently located near the sink.

(f) In accordance with rule 1301:18-3-12 of the Administrative Code, waste is to be so conveyed, stored, and disposed of as to minimize the development of odor, minimize the potential for the waste becoming an attractant and harborage or breeding place for pests, and protect against contamination of cannabis.