



Cannabis information

The production, sale and use of recreational cannabis is legal in Canada on October 17, 2018. Cannabis will be legal in Ontario under the federal government's [Cannabis Act, 2017](#).

What is legal

- Adults 19 years and over can purchase up to 30 grams(g) (about one ounce) of cannabis online through the Ontario Cannabis Store
- Adults can have 30 g of dried cannabis in their possession
- Cannabis can be used by adults in a private home or on private property and in places where it is legal to smoke tobacco
- Condominiums/apartments can have their own rules around cannabis use/growth
- Adults can grow up to four plants per household in their residence or in their outdoor space

What is not legal

- Like tobacco, the use of cannabis is not permitted in publicly owned spaces parks, playgrounds and sports facilities
- Cannabis use is not permitted in vehicles and boats that are being driven or under a person's care or control
- Children under the age of 19 cannot buy, use, possess or grow cannabis
- An unlicensed individual or corporation cannot sell or distribute cannabis
- Travelling outside of Canada with cannabis is not permitted
- You cannot drive while impaired from cannabis
- Advertising cannabis in public is not permitted

Enforcement

Public Health authorities-smoking in an area prohibited by the Smoke Free Ontario Act

Police-smoking/consuming in a motorized vehicle, underage, transporting amounts of cannabis over the limit,

Landlord Tenant Board-2nd hand smoke in a rental unit

Condo Board-2nd hand smoke in a condominium

Municipality-smoking in restricted public areas imposed by municipal by-law

Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario-illegal retail operations, licensing and inspecting retail operations

More information about [Cannabis legalization](#)



Questions and answers

When will cannabis be legal?

The federal legislation that legalizes recreational cannabis came into effect on October 17, 2018.

What is the legal age to have cannabis in Ontario?

In Ontario, the legal age limit to buy, use, possess and grow recreational cannabis is 19 years or older. You must be 19 years of age or older to enter a retail cannabis store.

Where can cannabis be used?

Recreational cannabis can only be used: RecRecreational cannabis cannot be used in:

- In a private residence, including the
- outdoor space of a home (for example, a porch or back yard)
- Within a residential unit or balcony; however, that depends on building rules and/or lease agreements
- Motor vehicles and boats being driven under a person's care or control
- Workplaces
- In parks or near playgrounds
- University/college residences
- Non- designated rooms in hotels, motels or inns
- Any place where smoking tobacco is prohibited

Where can I buy cannabis?

As of October 17, 2018, you can order cannabis products online through the [Ontario Cannabis Store](#) operated by the Government of Ontario. In April 2019, you will also be able to make purchases at provincially-regulated retail locations in municipalities who have opted-in.

Where will the retail locations be located?

This is not yet known. The province will approve and licence retail store locations and the number of stores. The Government of Ontario is providing municipalities with the ability to opt-out of having retail locations within their jurisdiction. The decision to opt-out or to permit retail stores must be made by January 22, 2019.

Besides cannabis, what can I buy in a cannabis retail store?

Stores are only permitted to sell cannabis, cannabis accessories as defined and shopping bags

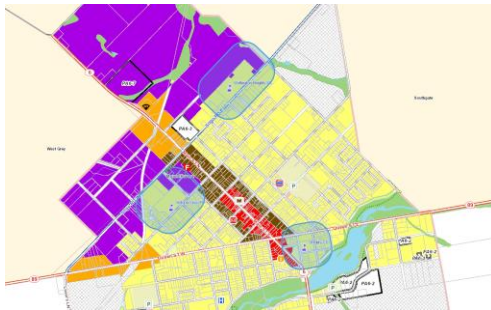
Will retail stores be located near schools?

The province has decided on a licenced and regulated private retail model for the sale of recreational cannabis. Regulations include the establishment of a buffer zone of at least 150 metres from the property line of a public/private school. This will ensure that cannabis will not be offered for sale at retail locations close to schools. Residents and the township will have 15 days to provide comments to the AGCO on a specific store location if it is felt the buffer needs to be bigger or there are other concerns.

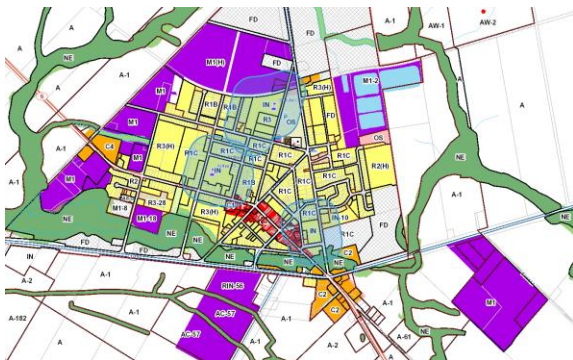
School Buffer Zone in Kenilworth-a retail cannabis store could operate in the yellow areas outside blue buffer zone



School Buffer Zone Mount Forest-a retail cannabis store could operate in the red areas outside blue buffer zone and in brown areas with rezoning



School Buffer Zone Arthur. A retail cannabis store could operate in the red and orange areas outside the blue zone



Who do I contact if my neighbour is smoking or growing cannabis and the smell is bothering me?

Nuisance odor caused by a neighbour smoking cannabis is not in contravention of any federal or provincial legislation or municipal by-law. Neighbours should be respectful and considerate of one another when consuming cannabis on private property.

What opportunities are there for the public to comment on the municipality opting-out or permitting retail locations?

The municipality is conducting a confidential on-line survey closing December 16, 2018 at midnight. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YFCBFK8>

Alternately you may submit comments to the Clerk, Township of Wellington North 7490 Sideroad 7 W, Box 125 Kenilworth, ON N0G 2A0. Feedback will be used to form a report to Council to be presented on January 14, 2019 to assist them in determining whether or not to opt in to the provincial cannabis retail model.

Please note, all personal information will remain confidential and used for statistical purposes only.

If a municipality opts out does that mean cannabis cannot be consumed in the municipality.

Opting out does not prohibit legal consumption of cannabis in Wellington North.

How is the Township of Wellington North preparing for legal cannabis?

- Consulting with the province through the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) to implement the private retail model
- Coordinating with regional partners such as Guelph Wellington Public Health and Wellington County Ontario Provincial Police
- Aligning municipal by-laws with the provincial legislation
- Consulting with stakeholders and community partners through an on-line survey or by written comments emailed to kwallace@wellington-north.com or by mailing to 7490 Sideroad 7/W Box 125 Kenilworth N0G 2E0 atten: Clerk

Citizen inquiries and complaints – who to call?

- Complaints about unauthorized sales and distribution of cannabis, underage use and drug impairment while driving should be directed to Wellington County OPP 519-846-5930
- Questions related to health impacts (ie., second-hand smoke or impact on children) should be directed to Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health at 519-822-2715
- Complaints about smoking cannabis on municipal property and facilities should be directed to Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health at 519-822-2715 for enforcement under the Smoke Free Ontario Act
- Inquiries and complaints about licensed retailers should be direct to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario 1-800-522-2876
- General information, please call 519-848-3620