



Santa Barbara County APCD

Cannabis Permitting Requirements & Nuisance Enforcement

Operation(s)	Permit Required ^{1, 2}	Nuisance Enforced ³
Growing	No	No
Processing (drying, trimming, etc.) – on site ⁴	No	No
Processing (drying, trimming, etc.) – off site ⁵	Yes	Yes
Manufacturing ⁶ – on site	Yes	Yes
Manufacturing – off site	Yes	Yes
Distribution, Storage, and/or Packaging – on site	No	No
Distribution, Storage, and/or Packaging – off site	Yes	Yes
Retail Dispensaries	No	Yes
Smoking Lounges	No	Yes
Residential Operations (growing, drying, baking, etc.)	No	Yes

Notes:

1. Additional permitting/registration requirements apply to combustion equipment (e.g. boilers, internal combustion engines, etc.) used in conjunction with cannabis operations.
2. More information on the District’s permitting process can be found here: <https://www.ourair.org/apcd-permit-process/>
3. Growing and harvesting of cannabis is considered an agricultural operation. Under Section 41705 of the California Health and Safety Code, District Rule 303 (Nuisance), which generally prohibits the discharge of air contaminants (including odors) that cause a public nuisance, does not apply to odors emanating from agricultural operations necessary for the growing of crops.
4. The term “on site” refers to operations on parcels that are contiguous with, adjacent to, or co-located on the same parcel(s) as the growing operations.
5. The term “off site” refers to operations located on parcel(s) separated from the parcel(s) where the growing operations occur.
6. Manufacturing operations include but are not limited to volatile extractions, non-volatile extractions and cold process manufacturing.
7. The District’s *Advisory on Air Quality and Cannabis Operations* can be found here: <https://www.ourair.org/wp-content/uploads/APCD-Cannabis-Advisory-v2.pdf>