

Health Canada responds to *MJBizDaily*

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Can you please tell me if cannabis cultivators need any permission from Health Canada to grow vegetables with cannabis in the same greenhouse or the same complex/facility?

Are there any specific rules or concerns about growing cannabis in the same greenhouse, or the same complex/facility as veggies or fruit or flowers?

A holder of a cannabis cultivation licence does not require permission from Health Canada to grow vegetables at a licensed site. There are also no specific rules under the [Cannabis Act](#) or its regulations that would apply to growing vegetables, fruit or flowers in the same greenhouse as a cultivation licence holder, however, it remains the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure that all of the applicable requirements are met, including Good Production Practices.

For example, any pest control products used in the growing of vegetables, fruits or flowers must not result in contamination of the cannabis. Additionally any sanitizer, agronomic input or non-food chemical agent present at the site to be used for the growing of vegetables, fruits or flowers must not present a risk of contamination for the cannabis.

It is also important to note that as defined in the [Cannabis Regulations](#), a site is an area that is used exclusively by the holder of a licence. As such it would be a requirement that the individual or organization undertaking the growing of vegetables, fruit or flowers is the same as the individual or organization who holds the cultivation licence.

The above information pertains specifically to holders of a cultivation licence. There are some additional requirements for a holder of a processing licence who also wants to grow vegetables, fruits or flowers. Licence holders must ensure physical or other effective means are used to separate incompatible activities in order to prevent contamination of the cannabis or anything that will be used as an ingredient. They are not permitted to produce, package, label or store cannabis at a site if food that is to be sold is also produced, packaged, or labelled at the site, unless it is done in a separate building. They must also ensure that physical or effective means are used to separate cannabis or any ingredients from anything that presents a risk of contamination.

It is the responsibility of persons engaging in activities relating to cannabis, cannabis accessories and services related to cannabis to understand the applicable regulatory requirements and remain compliant at all times.

Health Canada does not track non-cannabis activities that a licence holder may conduct at their site.