

## Growing Area

Growing areas must be in a single, contiguous space.

The length and width of the single growing area shall not exceed a ratio of 2:1.

Growing areas must be set back from other parcel boundaries. Set back areas are based on parcel size.

Fencing is required if the marijuana is visible from public view, or if the growing parcel is less than 5 acres.

Parcel Size	Indoor / Outdoor	Growing Area	Setback to Parcel Line
1/2 acre or less	Indoor only*	120 sq. feet	15 feet
Greater than 1/2 acre but less than 5 acres	Indoor or outdoor	50 sq. feet	50 feet
Equal to or greater than 5 acres, but less than 10 acres	Indoor or outdoor	100 sq. feet	75 feet
Equal to or greater than 10 acres	Indoor or outdoor	150 sq. feet	150 feet

\*Building permits are required for electric, plumbing, and mechanical.

Note: For recommendation requirements by parcel size, see full ordinance, [www.buttecounty.net/stayinthebox](http://www.buttecounty.net/stayinthebox).

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## New restrictions on growing medical marijuana in Butte County.

New restrictions effective January 2015.

The passage of Measure A by voters means new rules for growing medical marijuana in the unincorporated area of Butte County.

Major changes include:

- growing regulated by area not number of plants
- area allowed for growing is greatly reduced
- setbacks based on parcel size
- processing must be indoors
- anyone can report a violation

Visit [www.buttecounty.net/stayinthebox](http://www.buttecounty.net/stayinthebox) to read the full ordinance.

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## Medical Marijuana Growing Restrictions



# Growing Requirements

## Residency Requirements

All persons growing medical marijuana on the property or participating directly or indirectly in the growing must be Butte County residents.

Persons engaging in growing of medical marijuana must have resided in Butte County for at least one year prior to growing medical marijuana in Butte County.

All members of a collective must be Butte County residents or immediate family members or primary caregivers of a Butte County resident.

## Property Ownership

Persons growing medical marijuana must either:

1. Own the premises where the growing is taking place, or
2. Have entered into a written lease with the actual owner of the premises.

If the person(s) growing and/or harvesting are not the legal owner(s) of the parcel(s), they shall obtain the written, notarized permission of the legal owner(s) consenting to the growing and/or harvesting.

## Property Requirements

Growing must be done on a legal parcel of property that includes an occupied residence.

Growing parcels must have a permitted permanent water well or connection to municipal water source.

No unlawful or unpermitted surface drawing of water and no illegal discharges of water from the premises.

Growing sites must have either municipal sewer systems or an inspected and permitted sewage disposal system.

# Reporting Violations

Any person can report a violation of this ordinance  
Anonymous reports will be accepted.

Visit [www.buttecounty.net/stayinthebox](http://www.buttecounty.net/stayinthebox) or call 530.538.6000 to report a violation.

# Penalties for Violation

Penalties for violating growing restrictions have increased.

Administrative Civil Penalties have been increased to \$500.00 a day for first violation and \$1,000.00 a day for each subsequent violation for each day that the violation exists.

# Growing is not allowed in some places.

- Within 1,000 feet of a youth-oriented facility, a school, a park, or any church or residential treatment facility
- Within 600 feet of a school bus stop
- Within 50 or 100 feet (depending on parcel size) of an occupied residential structure on a separate parcel
- From any location where the plants are visible from the public right of way or publicly traveled private roads
- In commercial, industrial or special use zones