

Taking Action on Grow-Ops

ENHANCING COMMUNITY SAFETY



The City's Role - Prevent and Deter Grow-ops

To date hundreds of Marijuana grow-ops have been eliminated from your community. The City is taking action and we need your help.

The Risks

Grow-ops are accidents waiting to happen and pose many risks to neighbourhoods and communities.

FIRE

Exposed live wires, high intensity lamps and overheated ballasts in fluorescent lamps are known to cause fires. In addition, ventilation fans used in grow-ops enable a fire to spread quickly.

ELECTRICAL ISSUES

Rewiring, and overloaded electrical circuits required for grow-ops are extremely hazardous and pose major safety concerns. This is a danger to occupants of the home, neighbours, inspectors, utility workers and emergency responders.

THEFT OF SERVICES

Grow-ops often bypass metering, resulting in legitimate consumers unknowingly subsidizing hydro theft. Bypassing meters is not only illegal, but haphazard wiring poses a high risk of electrical fire.



STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

Grow-ops pose significant risk of permanent structural damage and can contaminate a property. This is expensive, if not impossible, to repair and is unlikely to be covered by insurance.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Excessive moisture, chemical use and non-code venting cause carbon monoxide poisoning, toxic mould and chemical contamination which could have serious health impacts especially for children. Grow-ops also pose risks to community safety as they are often targeted by or attract other criminal elements. Home invasions, drive-by shootings, burglaries and violent crime are all higher in the vicinity of a grow-op.



How You Can Help

HELP US FIND THEM

Common signs of a grow-op:

- > Occupants of the residence are rarely seen, distant or secretive
- > Windows are covered with black plastic or heavy curtains
- > Condensation on the windows
- > Sound of electrical generators and or fans
- > Lights visible that are much brighter than normal household lighting
- > "Skunky" smell of growing marijuana
- > Unusual traffic at odd times of the day and night
- > Unusual piles of garbage around the property such as fertilizer containers and pots

REPORT IT: IT'S EASY

Do your part to make our community safer. It's quick, anonymous and you may receive a cash reward.

If you suspect a grow-op do not approach or investigate it yourself, instead call:

SURREY RCMP 604.599.0502

CRIME STOPPERS 1.800.222.TIPS(8477)

ETIP www.greatervancouvercrimestoppers.com

TEXT TIP text 'BCTIP' and send your tip to CRIMES (274637)

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