

The Cannabis Pharmaceutical Coalition

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"Combining The Terms Rx, Cannabis & Consumer Protection"

DISPOSAL OF UNUSED Rx CANNABIS PRODUCTS

Problem(s):

a) How will we "dispose" of unused medical "Rx Cannabis" products? Will they be treated like other general products and just "dumped" into local landfills or disposed of like other "pharmaceutical drugs are required to do?"

b) This leads to the residual question of what is the Rx Cannabis products "shelf life?"

For Example:

A) A person grows two Rx Cannabis plants for their own use. Once the plants are harvested, separated and stored, how will the "user/grower" "dispose" of the unused portions of the plant? Will the stems be "thrown out" with the "trash or leaves" and thus accessible to the general public (kids) who can make other products of or do we create a disposal system that recognizes the problem in advance of problems?

B) At some point, companies of all sizes will be growing different grades of Cannabis for consumer use. As such, how and where should disposal of industrial product take place?

Solution(s):

Establish storage and disposal requirements for both levels of disposal.

Possible Support:

Consumers, Doctors, Pharmaceutical, NORMAL, Law Enforcement,

Possible Opposition:

Consumers, Doctors, Pharmaceutical, NORMAL, Law Enforcement, Patients

Arguments In Support:

- 1) If disposed of normally, there will be an undetermined increase in landfill use;
- 2) The majority of the Rx Cannabis product is "usable" as a drug in some fashion, with the bark being used a "herbal tea."

Arguments In Opposition:

- 1) We're worried about the sale and use of the product, not the disposal of biodegradable products.
- 2) Rx Cannabis products are different than processed, man made chemical products. As such, they don't have as much "harmful" material.

Language: Please used concepts as outlined here:

- 1) Consumer growers, after registration, should return plant stalks and system residue(s) to the appropriate licensing authority;
- 2) Once the consumer returns the "stalks and stems" they will receive their licensing fee back
- 3) If your "stalks and stems" are not turned in, then you must pay an additional \$50 fee, which has to be paid before you can register to grow other plants.