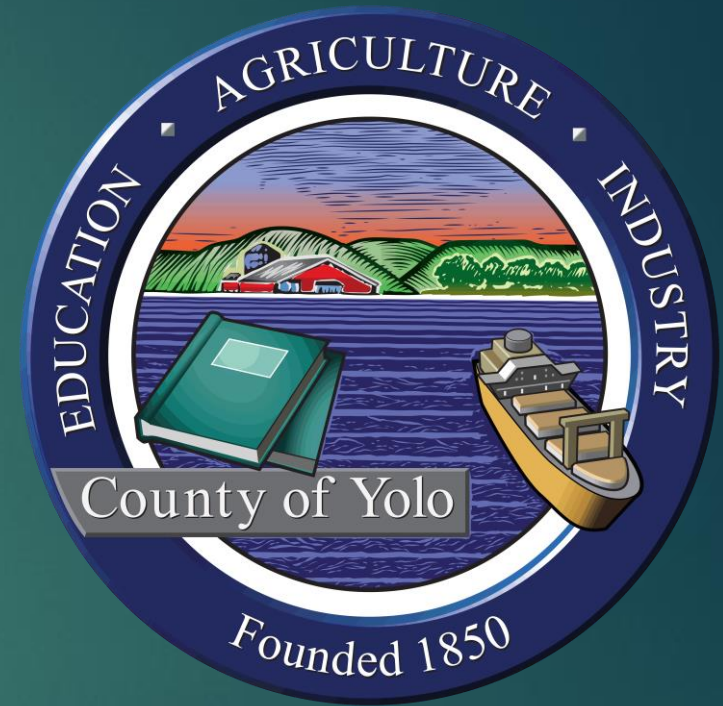


Illegal Abatement Administrative Civil Penalty Program

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ILLEGAL CANNABIS MARKET

- Illegal cannabis can be sold at lower prices and avoid the taxes and regulations that legal businesses must comply with.
- Illegal cannabis creates an over-supply of cannabis product which drives prices down.
- Illegal cannabis is being imported from other states and is grown throughout California including in Yolo County.
- A legal cannabis regulatory program cannot function to its full potential without the elimination of the illicit market.

In California, it is estimated the illicit market controls **80 to 90%** of the market.



Illegal Cannabis Grows exist in Yolo County

Are found tucked
away in the middle
of orchards

Are found in
Agriculturally
exempt structures

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Staff is taking a proactive approach to locate illegal cannabis operations in Yolo County. Below are the steps taken.

1. Identifying illegal cannabis grows

- Working with Building Division staff to acquire a list of structures that could possibly house illegal cultivation
- Complaints and tips from the community
- Utilizing aerial satellite imagery such as Google Earth
- Drone surveillance

2. Obtain an inspection warrant signed by a Yolo County Judge authorizing access to the property.

3. Issue an Inspection Warrant with a Task Force that includes:

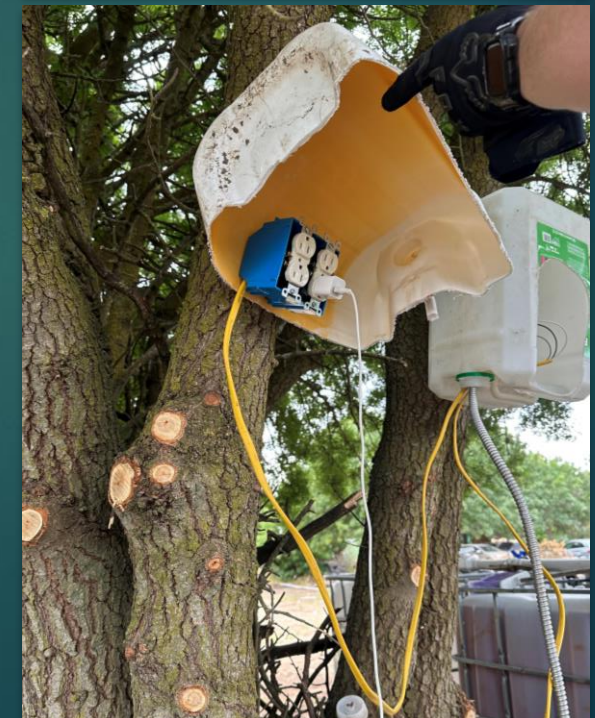
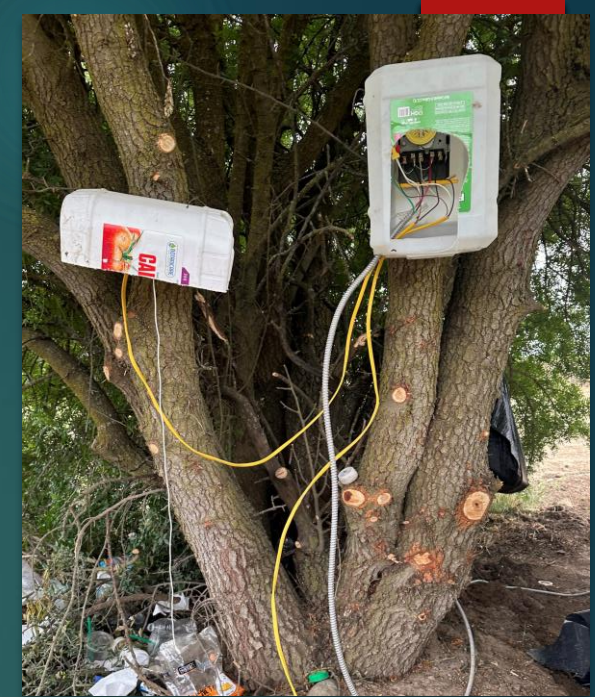
- ▶ Yolo County Sheriff
- ▶ Building Code Inspectors
- ▶ Code Enforcement Officer

*Other agencies may be invited to participate depending on the scope and scale of the illegal operation



4. If illegal cultivation of cannabis is found, the following actions are executed

- The property owner is issued a Notice of Violation and fines are immediately imposed
 - i. \$10,000/day for the presence of illegal cannabis and
 - ii. \$1,000/day/violation for any violation of Yolo County Code (i.e. electrical, plumbing, occupancy, etc.)
- Unpermitted building code violations, such as structures and electrical, are tagged
- Finished cannabis product is impounded by Cannabis Unit staff



5. Abatement of illegal cannabis

- The property owner is responsible for arranging abatement of the illegal cannabis in the presence of Cannabis Unit staff.
- All plants and product are transported to the Yolo County Central Landfill for destruction



6. Correction of other Yolo County Code violations

- The property owner is responsible for reaching out to the other divisions or departments in Yolo County to correct the violation(s).



Cannabis Abatement History

Date of Inspection	Cannabis Product Found (lbs)	Number of illegal plants	Total Weight abated at YC Landfill	Number of Code Violations
3/15/2023	~ 95 lbs. dried flower +100 lbs. of dried trim	+300 immature plant +800 flowering plants +250 drying plants	1300 lbs.	38 Building Code 1 Cannabis Licensing
5/31/2023	None	~714 immature plants ~723 flowering plants	2180 lbs.	1 Building Code 1 Cannabis Licensing
6/6/2023	~37 lbs. dried flower ~23 lbs. of dried trim	~643 immature plants ~4262 flowering plants	10680 lbs.	3 Building Code 1 Cannabis Licensing



Satellite Imagery



Travel trailer

3 non-permitted structures

3 non-permitted Hoop Houses

Drone Photo

QUESTIONS?

Report a cannabis complaint:

www.yolocounty.org/cannabis → Click on the  button