



# That good dirt

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## Got a good dirt recipe?

I do. I mean it's not my recipe, but from the legendary cannabis breeder and master cultivator known as Subcool. (May he rest in peace; he just passed away after a long illness.) He created a "super soil" containing every ingredient needed to grow fantastic weed. Pros and amateurs all over the world use Subcool's dirt recipe to grow top-shelf cannabis plants. The ingredients are easy to find and the recipe is fairly scalable so you can make as much or as little as you need. And since his recipe takes about a month to "cook"—it's essentially a cannabis-friendly compost—now is the perfect time to get started. You can find his recipe all over the web, but if you are hella lazy or just stoned, here's a link: [freecannabis.com/forums/resources/subcool's-super-soil-improved.9/](http://freecannabis.com/forums/resources/subcool's-super-soil-improved.9/). I am sure Subcool would want you to grow the dankest buds ever this year.

**Can I really get fired for cannabis use? I am sober at work. I thought weed was legal in California. What gives?**

Yes, you can really get fired. In fact, there's a clause in Proposition 64, the 2016 initiative that legalized adult-use cannabis, that explicitly allows employers to fire people who test positive for cannabis use. Yes, it is bulls--t. And before you say anything, just know that in 2008 someone in California already tried to sue. The courts upheld the employer's right to fire folks for weed way back in 2008. Look up *Ross v. RagingWire* if you must.

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What can be done? I'm glad you asked. The one and only Rob Bonta, who is one of the most cannabis-friendly legislators of all time, has introduced a bill that would prohibit most businesses (school bus drivers still can't smoke weed, so all the "WHAT ABOUT THE CHILDREN?!" alarmists can relax) from firing medical cannabis patients who test positive for pot.

"To be discriminated against by your employer because of the type of medicine you use is both inhumane and wrong," Bonta wrote in the Los Angeles Times. "Medical cannabis, as recommended by a doctor, should be given a similar reasonable accommodation as all prescription drugs."

He is correct—and he is not alone. There are 16 other states that offer some form of employment protection to adult cannabis users. Just because some-one uses cannabis they don't automatically become a bad employee. In fact, they are probably better employees because they don't show up to work hung over. California should be leading the league in cannabis acceptance. I'm glad someone in the Legislature is willing to at least attempt uphold people's right to be a cannabis user and a productive member of society. Call your reps and tell them to support the Bonta bill, Assembly Bill 2355. Peace. □

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