

Wildfire ash, mold and oversupply—what's a cannabis grower to do?

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no bueno.

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Hey, so I'm just about to harvest my little backvard grow. The thing is, there's some ash on my plants from all the wildfires. What should I dob

Climate change sucks, and not in a good way. I am sending good energy to all of the people who have lost their homes, wineries and cannabis farms. We have got to find a way to keep this from happening every year.

As to the ash on your plants, my farmer homies recommend using a leaf mold. Ever. Mold blower to get rid of the ash, or a makeup brush and fungus are if you don't have that many plants to deal with. Some folks say you can rinse them with fresh water (THC does not dissolve in water), but too much moisture can lead to mold problems if you aren't careful. Good luck, and let me know if you need any help trimming and taste-testing.

I seriously grew a lot of weed this year. How do I store it?

Avoiding heat and light are the two biggest things. Keep your meds in an airtight container. Some people like Tupperware, and there are many companies such as 420science.com that make really nice glass jars just for storing cannabis. If you have a cooler area of your house (like a wine cellar), store your buds there. You can also keep them in the fridge. Hell, it won't be long until someone invents a portable "weed cellar," you know like a wine cellar but for weed. Anyway, properly stored cannabis will last for months, maybe even a year or so.

Humidity is also an issue. Allow too much moisture in your jar and you end up with mold. Too little, and your cannabis gets all dry and terrible tasting. Keeping the humidity at the right level used to be a bigger challenge, but companies including Boveda (formerly Humidipak) make great little packets that you can put in your storage jars, and these packs will keep your medicine at an optimal level. Find a nice cool clean dark space for your cannabis to rest peacefully before you call it into service. Keep your buds well, and your buds will keep you well.

> My homie has a nice outdoor grow, but I have noticed some mold on his plants. If his cannabis is moldy, can we still smoke it?

Don't smoke mold. Ever. Mold and fungus are no bueno. You are just asking for a nasty lung infection by smoking moldy weed. Molds and

fungi love warm, moist, dark spaces. Guess where you have a warm, moist space? I am talking about your lungs. Throw that weed out and try again next



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