

Template: Pest and Disease Management Checklist for Cannabis

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Based on Article: "Pest and Disease Management: Protecting Your Cannabis Crop"

A practical checklist to guide cannabis growers in managing pests and diseases effectively.

Checklist Items:

- 1. Prepare Inspection Tools**
Gather essential tools such as a magnifying glass, sprayer, hygrometer, and personal protective equipment (PPE) to facilitate thorough inspections and treatments.
Reference Section: What You'll Need (Prerequisites)
- 2. Set Up a Quarantine Area**
Designate a separate space with controlled airflow for new or symptomatic plants to prevent the spread of pests or diseases.
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- 3. Establish Daily Inspection Routine**
Inspect each plant for 5-10 minutes daily, focusing on leaf undersides and new growth for early signs of pests or diseases.
Reference Section: Inspecting and Identifying Pests and Diseases
- 4. Log Observations**
Use a physical log or spreadsheet to record cultivar, germination date, observed pests, treatments applied, and outcomes for tracking progress.
Reference Section: What You'll Need (Prerequisites)
- 5. Conduct a Detailed Inspection**
Perform a detailed check of each plant using a hand lens, focusing on leaf surfaces, nodes, stems, and buds for any signs of pests or diseases.
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- 6. Identify Common Pests and Diseases**
Use an identification guide to recognize common issues like spider mites, aphids, and powdery mildew based on their visual cues and locations.
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- 7. Implement Targeted Interventions**
Based on findings from inspections, apply appropriate treatments such as insecticidal soap or beneficial insects to manage issues effectively.
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- 8. Maintain Environmental Controls**
Ensure proper humidity and airflow with fans and hygrometers to prevent environmental factors that could lead to pest and disease outbreaks.
Reference Section: What You'll Need (Prerequisites)
- 9. Review and Adjust Practices**
Regularly review inspection logs to assess treatment efficacy and make necessary adjustments in practices to improve plant health.
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