



GETTING STARTED

Maryland Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program

I WANT TO GROW INDUSTRIAL HEMP. WHERE DO I START?

The following information is provided as a guide for how to start growing industrial hemp in Maryland.

1. Determine what type of hemp you want to grow and what fits your farm operation: grain, fiber, floral material for CBD extraction.
2. Partner with an institute of higher education located in Maryland or the Maryland Department of Agriculture to develop a research project.
3. Develop a plan for the use or destruction of the crop.
4. Select a location where the industrial hemp will be grown. Outdoor production must be 1000 feet from a school or public recreation area.
 - ***If the site is not owned by the applicant***, you must have the land owner's permission to grow industrial hemp on their property.
5. Apply for a FBI Criminal Background Check.
 - Applicants must not have a felony conviction in the past ten years.
 - Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
6. Apply to the Maryland Department of Agriculture for a site registration.
7. Submit your criminal background check with your site registration application.
8. Develop a plan to comply with Maryland Nutrient Management and Pesticide Regulations.