

NCYPUBLIC HEALTHAND SAFETY BULLETIN

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ALERT: Marijuana Consumer Advisory

In the interest of public health and safety, the Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) is alerting consumers to unregulated marijuana product sold by Green Culture that may have contained unacceptable levels of banned pesticides, heavy metals, mold, and/or bacteria. Green Culture (formally named GC Flint, LLC) operates state-licensed medical and adult-use marijuana businesses (license numbers PC-000181 and AU-R-000396) at 808 South Center Road in Flint, Michigan.

The CRA initiated an investigation into Green Culture after receiving an allegation that the business was selling marijuana products without required tags and testing. The investigation revealed numerous products in Green Culture's business that were not entered into Michigan's "seed to sale" tracking system (Metrc), tagged, or tested as required by state law. Many of the products had already been sold or transferred to consumers.

Samples of the products still on-site at Green Culture were tested at the CRA's request. Testing confirmed that the products were marijuana, with THC values above 0.3%. More than threequarters of the products contained paclobutrazol (a banned pesticide), nickel (a heavy metal), aspergillus (a type of mold), and/or total coliforms (bacteria) in amounts exceeding state limits.

The products at issue were pre-rolls sold or given away as promotional items to consumers from February 10 through September 30, 2022. Most were labeled as "MoonRock blunt." The products do not contain identifying Metrc labels. Various examples of the 0.7-gram, 1.5-gram, and 3-gram pre-rolls include the following:



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Similar products in state-licensed marijuana businesses should be reported to the CRA Enforcement Division at <u>CRA-Enforcement@michigan.gov</u> or 517-284-8599.

Marijuana consumers who have experienced adverse reactions after using these products should report their symptoms and product use to their health care providers. Consumers are encouraged to also report any adverse reactions to marijuana product to the CRA via email at <u>CRA-Enforcement@michigan.gov</u> or by phone at 517-284-8599.

Questions about this bulletin should be emailed to the CRA's Operations Support Section at <u>CRA-Compliance@michigan.gov</u>. For more information about the CRA, please visit <u>www.michigan.gov/CRA</u>.