



Outdoor Enthusiasts Asked To Look Out For Marijuana Harvesting

Hunters reminded to proceed safely by contacting law enforcement

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LANSING. While enjoying the outdoors this fall, the Michigan Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program is asking hunters, residents and travelers to be on the lookout for indicators of illegal marijuana harvesting. Illegal growing operations are more likely to be found in the fall because active hunting seasons result in more people in the woods.

Indicators of outdoor grow operations include unusual amounts of traffic; use of camping equipment or recreational vehicles on wooded property with no evidence of recreational activities; large amounts of PVC piping, irrigation hoses or plastic planters located in heavily wooded areas; use of fertilizer in remote areas and patrolled or guarded woods or swamps.

To report a suspected marijuana grow site, call 1-800-235-HEMP (4367). Callers can remain anonymous. Individuals should not attempt to take action themselves, but instead report the site to law enforcement as soon as possible.

Last year, over 40,000 plants were found growing outdoors including over 4,000 plants found in Gladwin County after hunters alerted law enforcement in the area. This is an increase from the 23,198 plants located outdoors in 2007.

The Michigan Domestic Cannabis Eradication and Suppression Program is a joint effort of the Michigan State Police, Drug Enforcement Administration and local law enforcement agencies, as well as the Michigan Department of Natural Resources; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; National Park Service; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and U.S. Forest Service.

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