



## Office of Cannabis Management

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**NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF CANNABIS MANAGEMENT SEIZES OVER \$2 MILLION IN ILLICIT CANNABIS IN ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS IN THE MID-HUDSON AND NEW YORK COUNTY REGIONS**

*Illegal Cannabis Operations Next to a Day Care in Brooklyn Shut Down Following OCM Enforcement Actions*

*Governor Hochul Is Sending an Unmistakable Message: Illegal Dispensaries Will Be Shut Down*

*Over One-Hundred Pounds of Untested Products Seized in Rural Illegal Shop*

*Find Photos of the Investigations [Here](#).*

[The New York State Office of Cannabis Management \(OCM\)](#) today announced it has seized over \$2 million dollars in illicit cannabis products following multiple enforcement efforts across the state.

On January 30, 2026, OCM's Enforcement and Investigations Division executed a court-issued Access Order in Kings County Brooklyn at **645 Rogers Avenue** following a complaint from neighborhood residents alleging illegal cannabis sales. The investigation confirmed illicit activity, and **over 220 pounds** of cannabis flower in vacuum-sealed bags, along with edibles, concentrates, and pre-rolls were recovered from the scene, with a street value totaling over \$1.4 million. This illegal store was operating next to a child care center,

"Illegal cannabis shops, especially those that operate where children gather will not be tolerated," **said Governor Hochul.**" New York State has rules in place that protect the health and safety of New Yorkers, and we will continue to take decisive action to shut down illegal operations that put our communities at risk and undermine New York's legal industry and the hundreds of small businesses that are following the law."

The location was issued a Notice of Violation and padlocked.



*[Illicit Shop at 640 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn next to Pre-School shutdown by OCM](#)*

Legal New York State dispensaries have strict operational regulations including mandatory age verification for anyone entering their stores, and restrictions on displaying products in shop windows to limit their view by minors passing by.



*[Illicit growing, processing and selling operation shut down in Rhinebeck, New York](#)*

In Dutchess County, OCM investigators inspected an illicit cannabis operation in Rhinebeck New York on February 10, 2026. The illegal shop was used to grow, process, store and sell illicit products. Investigators recovered **105 pounds of cannabis flower along with 73 pounds of illicit edibles, and 5 pounds of cannabis concentrate valuing over \$900,000.** The location was issued an **Order to Seal and padlocked.**

“These enforcement actions send a clear message that illegal cannabis operations anywhere in New York will be investigated and dealt with,” **said Daniel Haughney, Director of Enforcement and Investigations at OCM.** “Whether in major cities like New York, or in rural communities like Rhinebeck, our investigators work every day to shut the illegal operators down. Actions like these help restore confidence in our regulated market and keep these communities safe, which is our top priority.”

In total OCM recovered more than \$2 million in illicit products.

In 2026 alone, OCM has **closed 22 illegal cannabis shops**, adding to the **557 illicit storefronts** shut down across New York State. Read more about OCM’s Enforcement efforts [here](#).

To report an unlicensed cannabis business or suspected illicit activity, file a complaint at: <https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>

[The New York State Office of Cannabis Management \(OCM\)](#) enforces the State’s cannabis laws to protect consumers, safeguard communities, and support the growth of the legal cannabis industry. Through inspections coordinated enforcement actions, OCM removes illegal cannabis products from the marketplace and shuts down unlicensed operators across New York State to uphold the integrity of New York’s licensed cannabis market.

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