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On-Site Consumption

Under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342, on-site consumption of cannabis and hemp products is allowed under certain circumstances. Read this guide to learn more about on-site consumption and limitations to consuming hemp and cannabis products.

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This document is meant to provide guidance to businesses licensed with the Office of Cannabis Management to help navigate the requirements adopted by the state of Minnesota. These guidelines are an important part of ensuring that Minnesota's cannabis and hemp industries prioritize public health and safety, consumer confidence and market integrity. The information contained in this document is not legal advice nor is it intended to replace your obligation to thoroughly read all applicable law and rules. It is the responsibility of each license holder to maintain compliance with all applicable laws and rules.

Approved license types and products allowed for on-site consumption



Cannabis event organizer (temporary license): Adult-use cannabis flower,* adult-use cannabis products, hemp-derived consumer products (HDCPs) and lower-potency hemp edibles (LPHEs).



Cannabis microbusiness license with retail operations and on-site consumption endorsements: Adult-use edible cannabis products and LPHEs.



LPHE retailer license with retail operations and on-site consumption endorsements: LPHEs only.

***Smoking or vaping adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products (including medical cannabis), hemp-derived consumer products, or tobacco is strictly prohibited at microbusiness retail locations permitting on-site consumption or anywhere where the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act would be violated.**

Refer to Minnesota Statutes, sections 342.28, subd. 10(h)(7); 340.40, subd. 8(e); and 342.56 subd. 1(a)(3).



Note: The Minnesota Clear Indoor Air Act bans smoking, including the use of electronic devices such as vapes, in all public indoor places (Minnesota Statutes, sections 144.413 to 144.417).



License type: Cannabis event organizer (temporary)

Please note there will be changes to the cannabis event organizer license type on Jan. 1, 2027, including the transition of the temporary license to an annual license type. The office will make information available in advance of these changes taking effect.

Endorsements/approvals required

- Specific local approval [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 8(a)].

Products allowed for on-site consumption

- Adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, hemp-derived consumer products and LPHEs.

Site requirements

- The premises of the event are only accessible by people 21 years and older [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 8(b)].
- Consumption of products within a designated consumption area must not be visible from any public place [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 8(c)].
- The entire perimeter of the on-site consumption area must be enclosed with commercial-grade fencing (M.R. P. 9810.2700, subp. 3B). There is no prohibition on designating the entirety of the licensed event space as the on-site consumption area if all requirements are met.

Packaging and labeling

Edible cannabinoid and LPHE products sold for on-site consumption must be served in the required packaging but may be removed from the product's packaging by customers and consumed on-site [Minnesota Statutes, sections 342.28, subd. 10(c)-(d); 342.46, subd. 8(d)]. Products must be consumed in the area designated for on-site consumption and may not be removed from the premises [Minnesota Statutes, sections 342.28, subd. 10(h)(6); 342.46, subd. 8(h)(3)].

Note: LPHE single-serving beverages may only be served outside of the packaging if the information that is required to be contained on the label is posted or otherwise displayed by the retailer [M.S. § 342.46, subd. 8(e)].

Samples for customers

Any licensed business that is an approved retail vendor at the event may distribute cannabis or LPHE product samples (as allowed by license type) at licensed events. Samples may only be given to consumers verified to be over 21 years of age and not visibly intoxicated [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.40, subd. 7a(a), (c)].

All cannabis and hemp-derived consumer products distributed as samples must be tracked in Metrc (LPHEs excluded) [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.40, subd. 7a(d) and Minnesota Rules, part 9810.1103, subp. 1].

All retailers providing samples must have “a label or notice containing the information required to be affixed to the packaging or container containing cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products sold to customers must be displayed and available for consumers” [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.40, subd. 7a(a)].

- **Products allowed to be provided as samples:** cannabis flower, cannabis products, LPHEs, hemp-derived consumer products [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 7a(b)].
- **Provisions:** Samples of adult-use cannabis flower or concentrate must not exceed 1 g, samples of edible cannabis products must not exceed 10 mg of THC, samples of LPHEs not exceed 5 mg of THC [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 7a(b)].

Prohibitions

- No individuals under 21 years of age may be permitted to enter designated on-site consumption areas or the event [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 8(b); M.R. P. 9810.2700, subp. 3A].
- Edible cannabis products or LPHEs may not be sold to any individuals under 21 years of age or to a person who is visibly intoxicated [M.S. § 342.40, subd. 7(d), (g)(1)].
- Alcohol and tobacco sale or consumption are not allowed on the premises [M.S. §§ 342.40, subd. 8(d); 342.28, subd. 10(g)(4)].
- Neither cannabis nor hemp products may be combined with prepared food or drinks on-site (M.S. § 34A.02).



License type: Cannabis microbusiness

Endorsements/approvals required

- Retail operations endorsement.
- On-site consumption endorsement.

Products allowed for on-site consumption

- Adult-use edible cannabis products and LPHEs.

Site requirements

- The premises are only accessible by people 21 years and older [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(h)(2)].
- A cannabis microbusiness on-site consumption area must be separate from the retail sales area and accessed through a distinct entrance [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(b)].
- The microbusiness on-site consumption area—including the display of or consumption of cannabis edibles and LPHEs—must not be visible to the public from outside the premises [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(f)].
- A cannabis microbusiness may not sell or allow the sale or consumption of alcohol or tobacco on the premises [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(h)(4)].

Packaging and labeling

Edible cannabis products and LPHEs sold for on-site consumption must comply with Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342 and Minnesota Rules, chapter 9810 for testing, packaging, and labeling of cannabinoid products [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.28, subd. 10(c)].

Edible cannabinoid and LPHE products sold for on-site consumption must be served in the required packaging but may be removed from the product's packaging by customers and consumed on-site [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.28, subd. 10(d)].

Products sold in the area designated for on-site consumption may not be removed from that area [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.28, subd. 10(h)(6)].

Samples for customers

A microbusiness may not distribute or allow free samples of cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products at their on-site consumption area of their licensed premises [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.28, subd. 10(h)(8)].

Prohibitions

- No individuals under 21 years of age may be permitted to enter designated on-site consumption areas [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(h)(2)].
- Edible cannabis products or LPHEs may not be sold to any individuals under 21 years of age or to a person who is visibly intoxicated [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(h)(1), (3)].
- Alcohol and tobacco sale or consumption are not allowed on the premises [M.S. § 342.28, subd. 10(h)(4)].
- Neither cannabis nor hemp products may be combined with prepared food or drinks on-site (M.S. § 34A.02).



License type: LPHE retailer

Endorsements/approvals required

- Retail operations endorsement.
- On-site consumption endorsement.
 - The office will issue an on-site consumption endorsement to any LPHE retailer that also holds an on-sale liquor license issued under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A, so long as all other applicable requirements are satisfied [[M.S. § 342.46, subd. 8\(b\)](#)].
 - An LPHE retailer that does not possess an on-sale liquor license issued under M.S. chapter 340A must submit proof of liability insurance meeting the requirements of [M.S. § 340A.409](#), or provide documentation of liability insurance of an equal level of coverage for on-site consumption to receive an on-site consumption endorsement (Laws of Minnesota § 123.94).

Liability insurance coverage requirements

Refer to Minnesota Statutes, section 340A.409.

- \$50,000 coverage for bodily injury to any one person in any one occurrence.
- \$100,000 coverage for bodily injury to two or more people in any one occurrence.
- \$10,000 coverage for injury to or destruction of property of others in any one occurrence.
- \$50,000 coverage for loss of means of support of any one person in any one occurrence.
- \$100,000 coverage for loss of means of support of two or more people in any one occurrence.
- \$50,000 coverage for other pecuniary loss of any one person in any one occurrence.
- \$100,000 coverage for other pecuniary (financial) loss of two or more people in any one occurrence.

Products allowed for on-site consumption

- LPHEs only.

Site requirements

Food and beverages may be prepared and sold on site if the LPHE retailer complies with all relevant state and local laws, ordinances, licensing requirements, and zoning requirements. [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.46, subd. 8(f)]. Combining cannabinoid products or LPHEs with food is prohibited under Minnesota Food Law (Minnesota Statutes, section 34A.02).

Off-site events for LPHEs

LPHE retailers are permitted to sell and allow the consumption of LPHEs at non-cannabis events if they are endorsed for on-site consumption, the event organizer holds a chapter 340A on-sale liquor license, and they meet all local regulations and obtain local approval, if required [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.46, subd. 8(i)].

- **Products allowed:** LPHEs.
- **Provisions:** The event must be authorized by the local unit of government and must not exceed four days.

Packaging and labeling

LPHE products sold for on-site consumption must be served in the required packaging but may be removed from the product's packaging by customers and consumed on-site [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.46, subd. 8(d)]. Products that have been removed from the products' packaging may not be removed from the premises [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.46, subd. 8(h)(3)].

Note: LPHE beverages may only be served outside of the packaging if the information that is required to be contained on the label is posted or otherwise displayed by the retailer [M.S. § 342.46, subd. 8(e)].

Samples

Product samples are allowed to be distributed if the LPHE retailer is endorsed for on-site consumption, and samples are consumed within the licensed premises [Minnesota Statutes, section 342.46, subd. 7(5)].

- **Products allowed:** Lower-potency hemp edibles.

A label or notice containing the information required to be affixed to the packaging or container containing LPHEs sold to customers must be displayed and available for consumers [Minnesota Rules, parts 9810.1103, subp. 2A(4); 9810.1400 to 9810.1403].

Prohibitions

- LPHEs may not be sold to any individuals under 21 years of age or to a person who is visibly intoxicated [M.S. § 342.46, subds. 7(1)-(2), 8(h)(1)].
- LPHEs that are designed to be or are reasonably expected to be mixed with an alcoholic beverage, including containers containing multiple servings of a lower-potency hemp edible product intended to be consumed as a beverage, are not allowed [M.S. § 342.46, subd. 8(h)(2)].
- LPHEs intended to be consumed as a beverage on-site, from containers containing multiple servings of a lower-potency hemp edible are not allowed [M.S. § 342.46, subd. 8(h)(3)].
- Neither cannabis nor hemp products may be combined with prepared food or drinks on-site [M.S. § 34A.02].