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IT’S RECREATIONAL
This is it. On July 1, recreational marijuana becomes a part of Nevada’s menu of grown-up indulgences, alongside table gaming and celebrity restaurants. It’s difficult to remember something whose arrival in this town has been more hotly anticipated. Some dispensaries are even opening their doors to the public at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, like a movie studio debuting a blockbuster the night before opening day. (If you’d like to get in line at one of those dispensaries right now, like you once queued up for new iPhones and Harry Potter, the map on Page 72 will make your life easier.)

But simply having legal marijuana in your town isn’t the same as running out and getting some. If you’re nervous about going to a dispensary—or if you’ve never even tried cannabis before—read on. We’ll tell you where to get it, where to enjoy it and even which strain pairs best with weekend hikes.

Green Means Nevada

Strain: Bedtime Story
Available at Essence Cannabis Dispensary
Grown by Desert Grown Farms

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Yes, We Can(nabis)
What to expect when you walk into a dispensary

BY SEID" CARTER

So, you’ve decided to buy some of the marijuana products you voted to legalize last November. What will it be like? According to Armen Yemenidjian, CEO of Essence Cannabis Dispensaries—whose branches at 2301 W. Tropicana Ave. and 2317 Las Vegas Blvd. S. will begin recreational sales at 12:01 a.m. on July 1—it should be a very relaxed and personable experience.

“When you come through the door, you’ll be greeted by staff, who will ask if you’re a recreational customer or a medical patient,” Yemenidjian says. “Other dispensary services are handled somewhat differently. “We have separate lines for recreational and medical.”

You’ll talk with a consultant, then proceed to one of the sale stations, where you can draw cash at an ATM, or marketed to children,” we’ve spotted edibles on the market that are “modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by young children,” we’ve spotted edibles on the market that are “modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by young children. And even though a regulation prevents cannabis products from being “modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by young children,” we’ve spotted edibles on the market that are “modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by young children.”

A tiny sliver of chocolate can pack a wallop, and it can take several hours to kick in. In the meantime, resist the temptation to consume your chocolate bars or edibles like you would any other chocolate bar. And certainly don’t cook your marijuana in brownies or cookies or any other food and let your favorite dispensary have a holiday program, look into joining it. You’ll likely be back.

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Keep out of Reach of Children: Being a responsible cannabis user means being mindful of those around you. Edibles, in particular, can be tempting to youngsters (or unusually adult). And even though regulation prevents cannabis products from being “modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by young children,” we’ve spotted edibles on the market that are “modeled after a brand of products primarily consumed by young children.”

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If you’re on the job hunt, chill on consuming until you know the rules of your new gig. It would be a shame to apply for your dream job interview and get chucked—only to have the offer revoked later because cannabis is now legal. There are no job protections for employers from bucking convention. There are no job protections for employers from bucking convention. There are no job protections for employers from bucking convention. There are no job protections for employers from bucking convention.

Know the Rules of the Road: How long do you have to wait before you’re safe to drive? Can you consume the equivalent of “one beer” and then drive? How much is too much? Nobody really knows, and the answer varies with a bunch of factors, such as your weight and metabolism. We’re driving into unchartered territory when it comes to the effects of marijuana, so what we can tell you: style weird, even if it’s the next day, don’t drive.

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And, of course, you’re encouraged to ask for customer in return—What do you recommend as a sleep aid? What’s the most discreet way to consume? Which strain is best for that Twin Peaks reference?

Both Yemenidjian and Lupien explain that most dispensaries are staffed with “budtenders,” whose mission is to help customers from the start of the process to the finish. If you need further clarification, you’ll be invited to look at the array of products in the cases—eddibles, concentrates, vape pens and the like. You won’t find Whole Foods-style bulk-time fall-of-flower, but Essence’s Yemenidjian says that you’ll be able check out any flower you like before you commit to purchase. “We have sniff jars,” he says. “You’ll be able to look at it, smell it and make a determination.”

After that, you make your selections—keep in mind, different strains and products can have dramatically different strengths and effects—and select all the cannabis your green heart desires, up to the one-ounce legal limit. (A conversion table is provided for products that can’t simply be weighed like flower can.) Then you put your cash down, gather up your purchases and walk out into the new world.


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Weed 101
Tips for First-Time Buyers

1. Nevada dispensaries can’t accept checks or credit cards. The DEA still considers cannabis a Schedule I Controlled Substance, which makes it illegal for a bank account with which to do business. The dispensary isn’t that good about the situation, either. “We have to work harder to increase sales. We can’t accept cash or credit cards,” said the dispensary worker who manned the counter.

2. Don’t go to Henderson to buy yet. Last February, the Henderson City Council adopted a six-month moratorium on dispensaries, with a six-month moratorium on five. Henderson’s dispensary is expected to come on board by August.

3. Ignore those rumors that medical weed is stronger. "At the current time, anything you take is going to do what it’s supposed to do," said a medical marijuana patient. The Social Doctors Do you buy? You will be just be to identify if your medi- cal card carrying friend buys—with one caveat — the right strain for you.

4. Expect to pay a bit more than medicinal marijuana customers. A 20 percent retail tax, backed by the state, is increasing prices across the board. The dispensaries have agreed to issue sale permits to medical marijuana patients. This means you can’t smoke on the streets, at concerts, in casinos, at bars or anywhere else without a permit. Nevada’s “rainy day fund,” 40 percent of which will be used to shore up the state’s coffers. (That includes in private cars on public roads.)

5. Keep it at home. One of the strict conditions of legalization is that you can only purchase on your own property, or on the property of the dispensary. This will change once the state has issued a sale permit. That means you can’t smoke on the streets, at concerts, in casinos, at bars or anywhere else where non-consenting parties might be present. The state’s education co- mmissioner warns, "The Herbal sage flavor will sit well with your g point you’ll not mind being high, this is my No. 1 pick for hitting the clubs and dancing until the sun comes up."

6. Brace for dry mouth. Marijuana contains THC, a cannabinoid—the chemical compound in cannabis that influences the brain and nervous system to produce euphoria. THC leaves your submandibular glands to temporarily quit producing saliva. Combat the shutdown by drinking lots of water — but you should be doing anyway — Geoff Carter.

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Cover Story

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