

# Tips to spotting a grow house in your neighbourhood

Do you rarely see your neighbour? Are their window blinds always closed? Does snow melt from their roof before others in the neighbourhood?

It could be that your neighbours are just anti-social, or it could be that they are conducting an illegal marijuana grow operation in the house.

Jeffrey Brookfield of Amerispec Home Inspection Service admits that, "while police forces are doing a great job of locating and closing down these operations, some operations are so well disguised that they can operate for years with no one knowing about it".

He also suggests that other tell-tale signs that your neighbours may be conducting such a business include:

- Garbage containing used soil and plant material is discarded in surrounding areas.
- Bright light can be seen escaping from windows
- Windows are often covered in condensation.
- Sounds of construction and ventilation fans can sometimes be heard.
- The growing marijuana produces a strong skunk-like odour that can often be detected outside the home.

While having such an operation in your neighbourhood can be very disconcerting, Brookfield's business is to try and protect homebuyers from purchasing a home that may have previously been used as a grow house.

"Not only is it not always easy for a layperson to identify that a house may have been used as a former grow house, but the home's structural integrity may be compromised and the health of future occupants can be put in jeopardy," Brookfield adds.

"More and more homes inspected show evidence of former grow operations, however

even with proper research, due diligence and disclosure laws, it is not always easy for a home buyer to identify a former illegal use of the home."

"Moreover," says Brookfield, "homebuyers have a tendency to look only at the good things in the house. They may be in love with the location or backyard, but aren't always focused on some of the hidden dangers of the property."

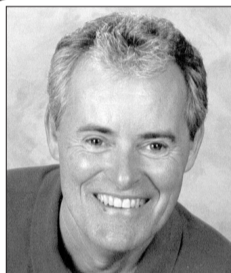
If a house is suspected of being a former grow operation, Amerispec's detailed home inspection report will always recommend that further investigation be

conducted, including an environmental examination prior to closing the deal.

Amerispec has written a news article on this issue which can be downloaded free of charge by clicking Ask the Inspector at [www.amerispec.net/lma](http://www.amerispec.net/lma).

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