



The Eastvale Police Department's Special Enforcement Team is partnering with the City of Eastvale's Code Enforcement to combat the recent trend of residential indoor marijuana grow operations. This type of operation usually starts when a rental home is converted in the interior area by covering most or all of the windows. The subjects then make room-by-room conversions throughout the house by bypassing the electrical meter, installing additional electrical wiring, outlets, circuit-breaker panels, commercial grade lighting and air conditioning units. These conversions are extremely hazardous and pose a serious fire risk, not only to the home, but the surrounding homes as well.

Some of the tell-tales signs of marijuana grow houses are:

- All windows are covered from the interior by newspaper or other materials.
- Lights and televisions on timers.
- Subjects moving in commercial grade electrical equipment during the late night or early morning hours.
- No signs of normal residential occupation.
- The smell of marijuana emitting from the home.
- Can you see wires leading up to the power line before the meter?
- Do people come and go at odd hours or do they never seem to be there?
- Are they accumulating the kind of trash a real resident would?
- Do strange cars pull up outside at night?
- Is anybody taking care of the landscaping?
- The sound of the air conditioner running at all the times.

The Eastvale Police Department is seeking information regarding these types of operations. Callers may remain anonymous. Reporting this type of activity can be done by calling Deputy Javier Morando at the Jurupa Valley Station at (951) 955-2600 or the Riverside County Sheriff's Department's dispatch center at (951)776-1099.

Citizens may also submit an anonymous tip using the Sheriff's Crime Tips online form: <http://www.riversidesheriff.org/crimetips>