



INFO GUIDE #9

How to Enhance Your Crop in Late Flower (Weeks 6-8)

By week six, your crop's flowers will have reached their full size. While your plants may look and smell amazing, the show is far from over. Over the next two weeks, the resin glands and flowering hairs of your plants will slowly begin to deteriorate, adding new colors, flavors, aromas, and psychoactive effects. There are many techniques that gardeners can implement to enhance these natural patterns of growth and development.

What Happens During Late-Flower? (Weeks 6-8)

Late-flower describes a time when cannabis plants have completed their most vigorous bout of blooming. In weeks 6-8, the buds of your plants will begin to harden; the delicate trichome heads of your flowers will cloud and turn amber, and the once milky pistils of your buds will shrink, turn brown and become fragile. Also, as your plants continue to ripen, new aromas, flavors, and pigmentation will develop.

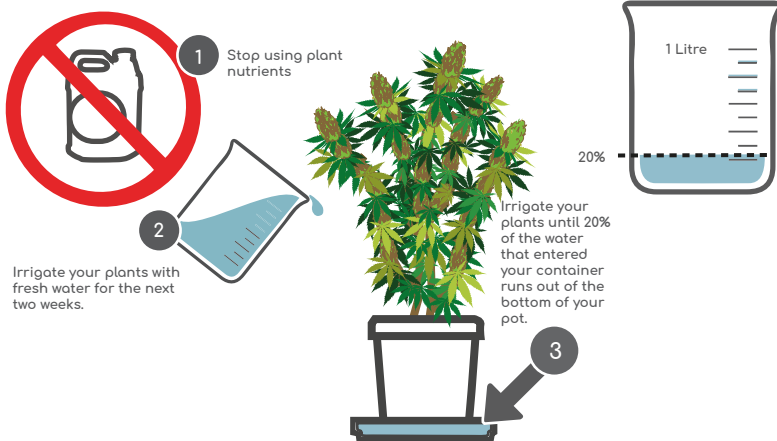
Common Characteristics of Ripening Cannabis Flowers

1. Bud hardening.
2. Cloudy or amber trichome heads.
3. Shrunken, brown pistils.
4. Increased aroma.
5. New colors and flower pigmentation.

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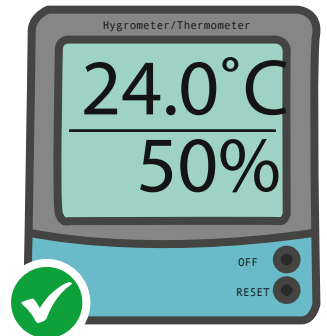
Step #1: Flush Your Plants

To begin the flushing process, halt the use of fertilizer and irrigate your plants with fresh water for the next two weeks. However, some supplements (see step #3) can continue to be applied during this stage. Irrigate your plants until 20% of the water that entered your container runs out of the bottom of your pot.



Step #2: Cool and Dehumidify Your Garden

To reduce the risk of bud rot during the late stages of flower, consider lowering the temperature and humidity of your garden. For the best results, attempt to keep your environment at a stable 75 degrees Fahrenheit (24C) with a relative humidity of 50%.



Step #3: Apply Late Flowering Supplements

While you may have suspended plant food during the flushing process, there are many supplements that growers can use to enhance cannabis crops in late-flower. Here are some of our top picks for late flowering supplements:

1. Rezin
2. Fish Sh!t
3. Liquid Weight

Step #4: De-leafing

Growers may find it useful to de-leaf plants during the last few days of flower to lessen the workload during harvest and open up avenues of airflow. Not only will this action protect against the build-up of humidity, but de-leafing your crop will save time and labor during harvest.



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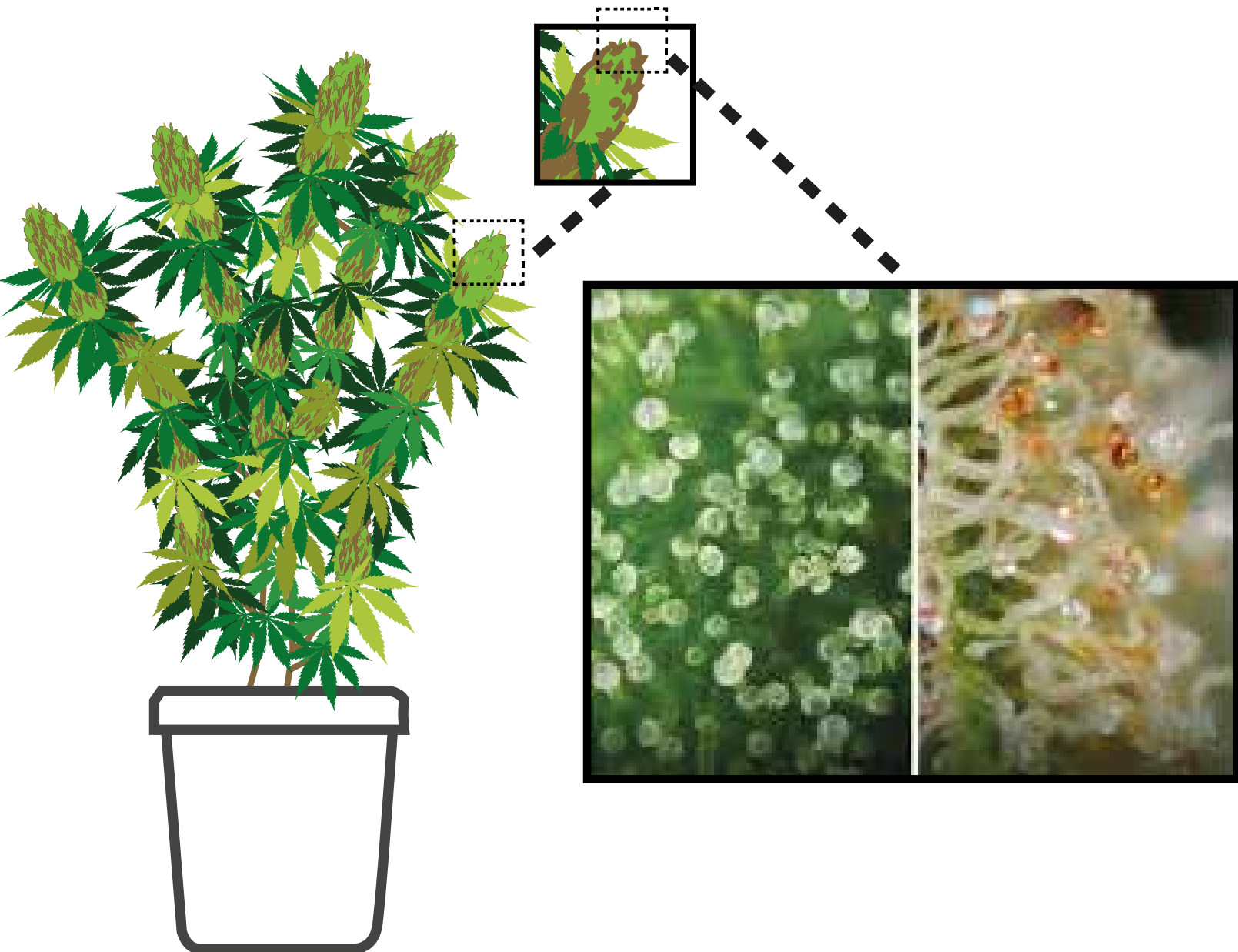


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Step #5: Inspect Trichome Heads

Trichome heads can be easily inspected to determine the ripeness of cannabis flowers. On average, most cannabis strains will reach maturity after 8 weeks of flowering growth. However, some strains can flower for up to 12 weeks. For the most potent cannabis, it's highly recommended that growers harvest their plants once 1/3 of all inspected trichomes are amber.



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