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Greetings,

Metrc and the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management would like to notify the industry of additional location types that will be available for use within Metrc beginning 02/02/2026.

Under Minnesota Rules part 9810.1302, subp. 2(e), cannabis license holders must maintain accurate inventory records of all regulated products and record their specific in-facility locations using the Location feature in Metrc. Location names must clearly describe where cannabis plants or products are stored and be categorized with the appropriate Location Type A location type is used to categorize a Metrc location by function. Options vary by facility (e.g., cultivation, manufacturing, retail).

While businesses may not need use every Location Type, all location names must clearly indicate where products are stored.

If you have specific questions about the differences between indoor, outdoor, and outdoor mixed-light facilities, please refer to [Frequently Asked Questions for Cannabis Businesses / Office of Cannabis Management](#).

Please read on for more information.

## Definitions of Location Types

Metrc Facility Type(s)	Location Type	Function
Cultivation	Indoor	A fully enclosed cultivation space using artificial lighting and environmental systems for consistent, year-round production.
Cultivation	Outdoor	An open-air, fenced outdoor cultivation area where plants grow in natural sunlight and seasonal conditions.
Cultivation	Greenhouse	An outdoor mixed-light facility (9810.0200 subp. 43) is a greenhouse or hoophouse with nonrigid walls, surrounded by fencing, that uses natural sunlight, with or without supplemental lighting and climate systems.
Cultivation	Processing (trimming, drying, curing)	A post-harvest area where cannabis is trimmed, dried, and cured to prepare it for packaging, sale, or further manufacturing.
<b>Cultivation</b>	<b>Freezer</b>	<b>A temperature-controlled area or walk-in freezer where freshly harvested cannabis is immediately frozen.</b>
<b>Cultivation</b>	<b>Storage Vault</b>	<b>An area where cannabis or cannabis products are stored after processing.</b>
Manufacturing	Input/Raw Material Storage	An area for storing incoming cannabis biomass, ingredients, and packaging materials prior to processing.
Manufacturing	Processing Room (concentration, extraction, combination)	A designated production space where cannabis is extracted, concentrated, refined, or combined with other ingredients to create finished products.
Manufacturing	Final Product Storage	An area where completed cannabis products are held before packaging, testing, or distribution.
Cultivation, Manufacturing	Retention Sample	An area where retention samples are stored until 6 months after the expiration or best used by date of a product has passed.
Retail	Inventory/Stockroom	An area where cannabis products and supplies are stored, organized, and tracked before being moved to the sales floor.
Retail	Sales floor/Shelf	The customer-accessible area where cannabis products are displayed and made available for purchase.
<b>Retail</b>	<b>Retail Samples</b>	<b>An area where designated sample products are stored.</b>

Retail	Event - Virtual	A virtual room to hold products that are brought to licensed cannabis events.
Testing Facility	Sample Storage	An area to store lab test samples that will be used for standard compliance testing.
Testing Facility	Stability Sample	An area to store lab test samples that will be used for stability studies.
All Metrc Facilities	Waste	A designated area where cannabis waste—plant material, expired products, or unusable materials—is held, rendered unusable, or prepared for compliant disposal.
All Metrc Facilities	Quarantine	A restricted storage area where cannabis or materials are held and prevented from use or sale during administrative hold, recall or until issue resolution is complete.
All Metrc Facilities	Default	A general-purpose classification or location used when an item does not yet fit into a specific category or has not been assigned to its proper area.

**For more information on how to add locations in Metrc, please see this [Metrc Learn module](#).**

## Metrc resources

If you have any questions, or need additional support, the following resources are available:

### Contact Metrc Support

By navigating to [Support.Metrc.com](https://support.metrc.com), or from the Metrc System, click Support and navigate to support.metrc.com and it will redirect to the portal.

*Please note:* If accessing the portal for the first time, a username (which is established when logging in), the respective state and “Facility license number”, and a valid email to set a password are required.

### Metrc Learn

Metrc Learn is designed to provide users with interactive, educational information on system functionality to expand skillsets and drive workflow efficiencies.

Accessing the new [Metrc Learn](#) platform is simple:

#### *From within the Metrc system*

- Navigate to the drop-down Support menu in the navigational toolbar and select “Sign up for Training” to register.

#### *From the Metrc website*

- Navigate to your [state’s partner page](#) and scroll down to the “Metrc’s Training Resources” section to find the link.

Also, save the link – *learn.metrc.com* – as a bookmark in your preferred web browser. If you have the existing link saved as a bookmark, please replace it with the new link.

### Metrc Expert

In the Metrc system, click on widget icon in the lower right-hand corner to open the Metrc Expert knowledge base to access resources.

Thank you for your continued partnership.