

Bud Rot Survival Guide



How to Spot It Early, Stop It Fast, and Decide When to Chop or Push

Every Grower's Nightmare

Bud rot (*Botrytis cinerea*) can wipe out up to 50% of a crop within days. A single microscopic spore can infect a bud in just 24 hours, especially in New England's humid late-season weather. Think of it like leaving wet clothes in a pile — mold is inevitable if you don't act fast.

Key Facts & Stats

- Growers can lose 50% or more of their harvest if bud rot isn't managed early.
- Certain strains with dense bud structure are more vulnerable — like fair skin that burns faster in the sun.
- Proper defoliation and airflow can prevent outbreaks, just like pruning a tree to let more light and air in.
- Prevention (fans, dehumidifiers, sprays) costs far less than losing your harvest.

Common Misconceptions vs Reality

- Myth: Bud rot only happens outdoors. Reality: It can also hit indoor grows with poor airflow.
- Myth: Once bud rot appears, the entire plant is ruined. Reality: Prompt action can save most of your crop.
- Myth: All fungicides contaminate buds. Reality: Safe, organic sprays like Dr. Zymes and Lost Coast Plant Therapy exist.

The Chop vs Push Debate

- Chop Early: Saves clean buds but reduces yield and ripeness.

• Push Through: Lets plants finish but risks wider infection.
Decision depends on severity, maturity, and weather. It's like deciding whether to evacuate a burning house or fight the fire — know your situation.

Analogies to Remember

- Bud rot is like cancer for cannabis — early detection is your best defense.
- Airflow is like opening a window in a stuffy room — it keeps things fresh and mold-free.
- Fungicides are like antibiotics — use them wisely to stop the spread.
- Defoliation is like giving your plants a haircut — it helps them breathe.

Final Word

Bud rot isn't always game over. With smart strategy, early detection, and the right tools, you can save a huge portion of your harvest. For no-BS advice and the gear you need, visit Green Zone Grow Shops — Worcester's Grow HQ. Follow @gzcrowshops for more grower survival tips.

