



## clearing cannabis convictions

A PROJECT OF  
ILLINOIS EQUAL  
JUSTICE FOUNDATION

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or call 855-963-9532  
to register.

## About New Leaf Illinois

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS NO LONGER CONSIDERS CANNABIS A CRIME,  
SO WHY DOES YOUR RECORD SAY OTHERWISE?

**New Leaf can help you clear eligible cannabis convictions.**

We're made up of 20 non-profit organizations throughout the state who provide free legal representation or legal information to people who want their cannabis convictions off their record.

If you want to get your cannabis conviction expunged, the New Leaf Illinois network is ready to help.

New Leaf Illinois is committed to equal justice for all those who were previously arrested or convicted for cannabis use, production and sale.

The expungement process is one step toward repairing the damage caused by the war on drugs which unfairly impacted people of color and the economically disenfranchised.

## Why go through the process?

THE LEGAL SYSTEM CAN SEEM INTIMIDATING, BUT NEW LEAF IS  
HERE TO HELP EACH STEP OF THE WAY.

Your criminal record might make it *harder* to get hired, *harder* to pursue your education, *harder* to get public assistance and *harder* to rent housing. Getting your record cleared can make life easier.

**A cannabis conviction doesn't define you. With New Leaf Illinois, you can set the record straight.**

Expunge your cannabis conviction, and turn over a new leaf for your life.

- Once something is expunged, it means your arrest, charge or criminal conviction can't be viewed by the public.
- Employers, landlords, and most licensing agencies can't look at expunged records – it's illegal.

## Take action/next steps

**Your chance to turn over a new leaf starts by visiting [NewLeafIllinois.org](http://NewLeafIllinois.org) or with a simple phone call to 855-963-9532 to register.**

- Tell us the Illinois county where you were arrested/convicted, and other basic information, then a legal aid professional will be in touch with potential next steps.

For individuals who are not U.S. citizens, please consult with an immigration lawyer *before* pursuing an expungement as obtaining an expungement could negatively impact pursuing immigration legal status or U.S. citizenship.