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The Edible and Sippable

Weed-infused Products of the NW

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n the last few years, voters in Oregon and Washington have ushered in a brave new world—one that smells a bit on the dank side. It's not surprising, then, that the legalization of marijuana has opened the door for a host of weed-infused edibles and sippables.





CANNABIS COCKTAILS

Among the best products on the market right now are Oregon-made MESSINA BITTERS, which infuses organic cane alcohol with Oregon-grown bud and a slew of organic herbs and spices (like elderflower, birch bark and vanilla bean) sourced from around the world to give your cocktails an extra kick. The bitters come in one-ounce dropper bottles and are drawing a bit of attention from the state's Liquor Control Commission, which is threatening to bar the product due to federal regulations prohibiting the sale of alcohol mixed with adulterated substances. If it sticks around, though, this one could be a trendsetter.

» messinabitters.com



SPOT OF TEA

EVERGREEN HERBAL in Seattle crafts chocolate bars, chews, sparkling sodas and even specialty items for vegans and dieters, but its signature item is the High Tea. Available in shops throughout Washington, the 0.7-ounce tea bags amount to a potency of 10 milligrams of THC. There's green and black tea, plus a chai and a "PM Formula" that lacks caffeine. Evergreen recommends adding a splash of milk or cream to your tea to maximize potency, as the cannabinoids stick to the fat in the dairy.

» forevergreenherbal.com



• FRUIT INFUSIONS

Also in the Emerald City, CRAFT ELIXIRS specializes in a line of so-called syrups (which range from hot sauces to simple syrups and dessert toppings) and boxes of candied fruit called Fremont Freaks, which are infused with 10 milligrams of THC per box of 20 pieces. Options include pineapple chocolate, pink grapefruit, cinnamon sugar with Washington apples and a citrus mix of lemon, lime and orange. They're becoming ubiquitous in Washington, where you'll find them being sold in nearly 40 cities and towns.

» craftelixirs.com



SWEET TOOTH

Seattle-based THE GOODSHIP CO. has created a line of individually packaged cookies and chocolate bars, and the flavors aren't kidding around. There's the Saigon cinnamon snickerdoodle, a sea salt chocolate chip cookie, a coffee and dark chocolate bar and a rich 70 percent "Deep Dark" chocolate bar-all of which would be worth consuming without the addition of psychoactive substances. The company is the brainchild of Jody Hall, owner of the popular Cupcake Royale chain in Seattle, and her pastry chef/ chief operations officer Nicki Kerbs.

» thegoodship.com