



# Common Poisonous Plants

The following chart lists some of the more common poisonous plants. This list is not all inclusive and does not necessarily include every poisonous plant that is known or that might be found in an urban landscape or home.

In cases of accidental exposure or ingestion, contact the Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222.

**Treat unknown plants with respect, and teach your children to do the same.**

PLANT	TOXIC PART	SYMPTOMS
Apple	Seeds in large amounts	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Autumn Crocus, Star of Bethlehem	Bulbs	Vomiting and nervous excitement.
Black Locust	Bark, sprouts, foliage	Children have suffered nausea, weakness and depression after chewing the bark and seeds.
Bleeding Heart	Foliage, roots	May be poisonous in large amounts. Has proven fatal to cattle. Convulsions and nervous symptoms.
Buckeye	Leaves, flowers, young sprouts, seeds	Children have suffered nausea, weakness, and depression after chewing bark and seeds.
Buttercups	All parts	Irritant juices may severely injure the digestive system.
Caladium, Elephant Ear	All parts	Intense burning and irritation of the mouth and tongue. Death can occur if base of tongue swells enough to block air passage.
Cherry Laurel	All parts but fleshy part of fruit	Vomiting, stupor, and coma. Onset rapid with few or no forewarning signs.
Chinaberry	All parts	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

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Chinese Tallow	All parts	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Dapne	Berries	Fatal. A few berries can kill a child.
Dieffenbachia (Dumb Cane),	All parts	Intense burning and irritation of the mouth and tongue. Death can occur if base of tongue swells enough to block air passage.
Elderberry	All parts, especially roots	Children have been poisoned by using pieces of the pithy stems for blowguns. Nausea and digestive upset.
Foxglove	Leaves, seed, flowers	Large amounts cause dangerously irregular heartbeat and pulse, usually digestive upset and mental confusion. May be fatal.
Golden Chain	Bean-like capsules in which the seeds are suspended	Severe poisoning. Excitement, staggering, convulsions and coma. May be fatal.
Holly	Berries	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Hyacinth, Daffodil, Narcissus	Bulbs	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, gasping, convulsions. May be fatal.
Hydrangia	Buds	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
Iris	Underground stems	Severe, but not usually serious, digestive upset.
Ivy (English)	Berries	Salivation, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, and severe diarrhea.
Jack-in-the-Pulpit	All parts, especially roots	Intense burning and irritation of the mouth and tongue. Death can occur if base of tongue swells enough to block air passage.
Jasmine	Entire plant	Fatal. Digestive disturbance and nervous symptoms.
Jerusalem Cherry	All parts	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Jimson Weed (Thorn Apple)	All parts	Abnormal thirst, distorted sight, delirium, incoherence and coma. Common cause of poisoning. Has proved fatal.
Lantana	Green berries	Fatal. Vomiting, diarrhea, and weakness. Affects lungs, kidneys, heart and nervous system.

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Larkspur	Entire plant	Digestive upset, nervous excitement, depression. May be fatal.
Azaleas, Laurels, Rhododendrons,	All parts	Rarely fatal. Produces nausea and vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration, convulsions, and coma.
Ligustrum	All parts	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea
Lily-of-the-Valley	Leaves, flowers	Irregular heart beat and pulse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion.
Mayapple	Apple, foliage, roots	Contains at least 16 active toxic principles, primarily in the roots. Children often eat the apple with no ill effects, but several apples may cause diarrhea.
Mistletoe	Berries	Fatal. Both children and adults have died from eating the berries.
Monkshood	Fleshy roots	Digestive upset and nervous excitement.
Moon Flower	All parts	Abnormal thoughts, distorted sight, delirium, incoherence and coma. Secondary effect from eating honey made from nectar.
Moonseed	Berries	Blue, purple color, resembling wild grapes. May be fatal.
Morning Glory	Seeds	Hallucinogenic symptoms, abdominal discomfort, explosive diarrhea, frequent urination.
Nightshade	All parts, especially the unripened berry	Fatal. Intense digestive disturbance and nervous symptoms.
Oaks	Foliage, acorns	Affects kidneys gradually. Symptoms appear only after several days or weeks. Takes a large amount for poisoning.
Oleander	Leaves, branches	Extremely poisonous. Affects the heart, produces severe digestive upset and has caused death.
Cherry, peach, plum, apricot	Leaves and seeds	Vomiting, stupor, and coma. Onset rapid with few or no forewarning signs.
Philodendron,	All parts	Intense burning and irritation of the mouth

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Split-leaf		and tongue. Death can occur if base of tongue swells enough to block air passage.
Poison Hemlock	All parts	Fatal. Resembles a large wild carrot.
Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac	All parts	Dermatitis is chief complaint. Vomiting and diarrhea.
Pokeweed, Inkberry	Entire plant	Mature berries have been used in pies, but raw berries can be fatal. If the leaf is cooked properly, it is edible. Abdominal cramping, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Rosary Pea, Castor Bean	Seeds	Fatal. A single Rosary Pea seed has caused death. One or two Castor Bean seeds are near the lethal dose for adults.
Sweetpea	Seed	Slow and weakened pulse, distress and weakened respiration and convulsions.
Tung Oil	Nut	Nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramping, and diarrhea. Severe headaches may occur. Can be fatal.
Virginia Creeper	Berry, leaf	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Water Hemlock	All parts	Fatal. Violent and painful convulsions. A number of people have died from hemlock.
Wisteria	Seeds, pods	Mild to severe digestive upset. Many children are poisoned by this plant.
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Yaupon	Berries	Nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.
Yew	Berries, foliage	Fatal. Foliage more toxic than berries. Death is usually sudden without warning symptoms.



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