



POISONOUS/TOXIC PLANTS

Vegetation helps sustain life. We eat many plants, herbs and so forth in our daily diet, but we must remember to be choosy. Some plants, trees or shrubs are potential killers of man. Some part of the ornamental flowers in your yard may contain deadly poison. Many poisonous plants are so common that you do not suspect their toxic qualities.

PLANT		TOXIC PART	SYMPTOMS
HOUSEPLANTS			
<i>Codiaeum</i>	CROTON	Bark, roots, leaves	Chewing the bark and roots can cause burning of the mouth.
<i>Dieffenbachia</i>	DUMB CANE	All parts	Intense burning of the mouth and tongue
<i>Hedera</i>	ENGLISH IVY	Leaves	Difficulty in breathing, convulsions, vomiting, paralysis and coma.
<i>Philodendron</i>	PHILODENDRON	Leaves, juices	Reddening and inflammation of the skin and itchiness.
<i>Polyscias</i>	ARALIA	All parts	Irritation of the mouth, dilated pupils, stomach pain, nausea, vomiting, skin irritation following repeated contact.
<i>Schefflera</i>	UMBRELLA TREE	Leaves, sap	Vomiting, numbness and tingling of the mouth, lack of coordination. Skin irritation after contact with sap.
<i>Strelitzia</i>	BIRD OF PARADISE	Seeds, pods	Irritation of the mouth immediately after chewing, may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and drowsiness.
PERENNIALS & ANNUALS			
<i>Aconitum</i>	MONKSHOOD	Fleshy Roots	Digestive upset and nervous excitement.
<i>Anemome</i>	ANEMOME	All parts	Large amounts may cause irritation of mouth, vomiting and diarrhea following ingestion
<i>Baptisma</i>	FALSE INDIGO	All parts	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.
<i>Cimicifuga</i>	BUGBANE		
<i>Clematis</i>	CLEMATIS	All parts	Burning sensation of mouth and mouth ulcers; skin redness and burning sensation.
<i>Convallaria</i>	LILY OF THE VALLEY	Leaves, flowers	Irregular heart beat and pulse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion.
<i>Delphinium</i>	DELPHINIUM	Young plant, seeds	Digestive upset, nervous excitement, depression. May be fatal.
<i>Dicentra</i>	BLEADING HEARTS	Foliage, roots	May be poisonous in large amounts.
<i>Digitalis</i>	FOXGLOVE	Leaves	Large amounts may cause dangerously irregular heartbeat and pulse, and digestive upset and mental confusion. May be fatal.
<i>Hydrangea</i>	HYDRANGEA	Bark, leaves, flower buds	Nausea, stomach pain, vomiting, sweating.
<i>Iris</i>	IRIS	Underground stems	Severe, but usually not serious, digestive upset.
<i>Lantana</i>	LANTANA	Green berries	Fatal. Affects lungs, kidneys, heart and nervous system.
<i>Lobelia</i>	LOBELIA	All parts	Large amounts may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, salivation, exhaustion and weakness.
<i>Lupinus</i>	LUPINE	Seeds	Large amounts may cause respiratory depression and slow heartbeat, sleepiness, convulsions
<i>Zantedeschia</i>	CALLA LILY	All parts	Fatal if eaten. Severe burning sensation and swelling of lips, tongue, and throat; stomach pain and diarrhea possible.
VEGETABLE GARDEN PLANTS			
<i>Rheum</i>	RHUBARB	Leaf blade	Fatal. Large amounts of leaves can cause convulsions and coma, followed rapidly by death.
SHRUBS & ORNAMENTALS			
<i>Jasminum</i>	JASMINE	Berries	Fatal. Digestive disturbance and nervous symptoms.
<i>Sambucus</i>	ELDERBERRY	All parts especially roots	Nausea and digestive upset.
BULBS			
<i>Hyacinthus</i>	HYACINTH	Bulbs	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May be fatal
<i>Narcissus</i>	DAFFODIL	Bulbs	Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May be fatal