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Poisonous Plants

Many popular house and garden plants are poisonous and can produce symptoms ranging from minor to severe. This list in this Appendix is not exhaustive, but provides some of the most popular plantings that are both poisonous and non-poisonous. The list is provided by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Check with local extensions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and local poison control centers for more information about the nature of common plantings in specific locations.

Toxic levels are based on the best information available. However, precise scientific data is not available.

Toxicity is subject to numerous variables, including quantity, exposure, and individual reactions.

Plants on the high toxicity list are known to have caused death and could be hazardous with very little exposure. They should never be used. Plants on the medium toxicity list have toxic parts, but deaths have been rare, usually after prolonged exposure or consuming large quantities. Do not use these plants inside the play yard. Plants on the low toxicity list include those that may cause a rash or dermatitis. Use these plants with caution.

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HIGH TOXICITY PLANTS

Botanical	Common	Toxic Part	Botanical	Common	Toxic Part
<i>Abrus Precatorius</i>	Rosary Pea	seeds	<i>Melia azedarch</i>	Cape lilac or White cedar	fruit, leaves, bark, flowers
<i>Acokanthera spectabilis/</i> <i>Carissa spectabilis</i>	Winter sweet	fruit & plant	<i>Melianthus comosus</i>	Tufted honey flower	entire plant, esp. roots
<i>Aconitum napellus/</i>	Aconita, Monkshood	all parts	<i>Nerium oleander</i>	Oleander	all parts
<i>Delphinium spp</i> <i>Alocasia macrorrhiza</i>	Cunjrvoi	all parts	<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Tree tobacco	entire plant; esp. leaves
<i>Brugmansia sanguinea</i>	Red Angles trumpet	nectar, seeds	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	Apricot	kernel in large amounts
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Hemlock, carrot fern or Carrot weed	all parts, large amounts	<i>Prunus dulcis</i>	Almond	kernel-bitter type
<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	Lily of the Valley	all parts	<i>Prunus persica</i>	Peach	kernel, lower, leaf, bark
<i>Daphne spp</i>	Daphne	berries	<i>Rheum Rhaponticum</i>	Rhubarb	leaf blade
<i>Diefenbachia spp.</i>	Dumbcane	berries, few	<i>Rhododendrom</i>	Rhododendron or Azalea	leaf
<i>Duranta repens</i>	Duranta or Golden Dewdrop	berries	<i>Ricinus communis</i>	Castor Oil plant	seeds: 2-8
<i>Ervatamia coronaria</i>	Crepe Jasmine	all parts	<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	Black nightshade or Blackberry nightshade	green fruit
<i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i>	Poinsettia	sap	<i>Solanum psedocapsicum</i>	Madeira winter cherry or Jerusalem cherry	berries
<i>Euphorbia tirucalli</i>	Naked Lady or Pencil bush	sap	<i>Solanum sodomaeum</i>	Apple or Sodom	fruit
<i>Gloriosa superba</i>	Glory lily roots	all parts, esp.	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>	Potatoes	green skin
<i>Ilex spp</i>	English/ American Hollytree	fruits & leaves	<i>Taxus baccata</i>	Yew	all parts, esp. seed in pod
<i>Jatropha spp</i>	Physic nut, Coral bush	seeds	<i>Thevetia peruviana</i>	Yellow oleander	all parts, esp. seed in kernel
<i>Kalmia spp</i>	Mountain/Western Laurel Calico Bush	all parts	<i>Wisteria floribunda,</i> <i>W. sinensis</i>	Wisteria	seeds & pods
<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Laburnum or Golden Chain	all parts	<i>Zantheschia aethiopica</i>	Calla lily or White Arum lily	all parts, esp. juice of leaves & stem
<i>Lantana camara</i>	Lantana	green fruits			
<i>Lobrlia cardinalis</i>	Cardinal flower	all parts			
<i>Lingustrum spp.</i>	Privet	fruit			
<i>Malus spp.</i>	Apple	leaves, seed in large amt.			

MEDIUM TOXICITY PLANTS

Botanical	Common	Toxic Part	Botanical	Common	Toxic Part
<i>Aesculus</i> spp	Horse Chestnut, Buckeye	all parts	<i>Gelsimium sempervirens</i>	Carolina Jessamine	all parts
<i>Aleurites fordii</i>	Tung-oil tree	fruit kernel	<i>Hedera helix</i>	English Ivy	all parts, esp. berries
<i>Allamanda</i> spp	Allamanda	fruit	<i>Hura crepitans</i>	Sandbox Tree	all parts
<i>Alocasia maculatum</i>	Lords & Ladies	sap	<i>Hyacinthus orientalis</i>	Hyacinth	all parts, esp. bulb
<i>Amaryllis belladonna</i>	Belladonna lily	bulb	<i>Hydrangea</i> spp	Hydrangea	flowers
<i>Anemone</i>	Windflower	all parts	<i>Iris germanica</i>	Flag iris, Flag lily, or Fleur de lis	all parts
<i>Aquilegia</i> spp	Columbine	seeds	<i>Laburnum anagyroides</i>	Common gold chain	seeds
<i>Arum italicum</i>	Italian Arum	sap, esp. in berries	<i>Lupinus</i> spp	Lupine	seed pods
<i>Asclepias fruticosa</i>	Swan plant	Pods	<i>Manihot esculenta</i>	Cassava	raw roots
<i>Castanospermum australe</i>	Black bean or Moreton Bay chestnut	seeds	<i>Moraea</i> spp	Butterfly iris	all parts
<i>Celastrus orbiculatus</i> , <i>C. scandens</i>	Bittersweet	all parts	<i>Narcissus jonquilla</i>	Jonquil	sap & bulb
<i>Cestrum</i> spp	Green cestrum, Cestrum or Jessamine	all parts, esp. fruit	<i>Narcissus pseudonarcissus</i>	Daffodil	sap & bulb
<i>Colocasia esculenta</i>	Elephant's ears or Taro	root	<i>Nerine</i> spp	Spider lily	bulb
<i>Cotoneaster</i> spp	Cotoneaster	fruit, flowers	<i>Ornithogalum thyrsoides</i>	Star-of-Bethlehem or Chincerinches	bulb & flower spike
<i>Crataegus</i> spp	Hawthorn	fruit	<i>Philodendron</i> spp	Philodendron	all parts
Botanical	Common	Toxic Part	<i>Physalis</i> spp	Ground cherry, Chinese Lanterns, Tomatillo	unripe fruit
<i>Cycas</i> spp tree <i>Zamia</i>	<i>Zamia</i> palm or	seeds, fresh or improperly prepared	<i>Plumeria</i> spp	Frangipani	sap
<i>Cydonia oblonga</i>	Quince	seeds, fresh leaves	<i>Poinciana gilliesii</i>	Bird-of-paradise plant	unripe seed pod
<i>Delphinium</i> spp	Larkspur	all parts	<i>Prunus cerasus</i>	Cherry	kernels
<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	Foxglove	all parts	<i>Prunus laurocerasus</i>	Cherry laurel	bruised leaves
<i>Eriobotrya japonica</i>	Loquat	seeds (many)	<i>Pyrus communis</i>	Pear	seeds
<i>Euonymus europaeus</i>	Spindle tree	all parts, esp. fruit & seeds	<i>Rhamnus</i> spp	Buckthorns & Cascara Sagrade	fruit
<i>Euphorbia marginata</i>	Snow-on-the-mountain	sap	<i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i>	Black locust or Robinia	all parts

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Schinus molle	Pepper tree	fruit
Schinus terebinthifolius	Japanese pepper tree	fruit, large amounts
Scilla jonscripta, peruviana	Bluebell, squill	bulb
Solandra spp.	Golden chalice	sap, leaves, flowers
Solanum dulcamara	Bittersweet or Woody Nightshade	berries
Solanum laciniatum or vesicum	Kangaroo Apple	green fruit

LOW TOXICITY PLANTS

Botanical	Common	Toxic Part
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow or Milfoil	all parts
Agapanthus orientalis	Agapanthus or African Blue Lily	sap
Artemisia absinthium	Wormwood	all parts
Caladium spp	Caladium	all parts
Chrysanthemum morifolium	Florist's chrysanthemum	all parts
Chrysanthemum parthenium	Feverfew	all parts
Chrysanthemum coccineum	Pyrethrum	all parts
Chrysanthemum maximum	Shasta daisy	all parts
Clematis spp	Traveller's joy	all parts
Colohicum autumnale	Autumn crocus	flowers
Cosmos bipinnatus	Cosmos	all parts
Dicentra	Bleeding heart	all parts
Echium lycopsis	Paterson's curse	all parts
Euphorbia milii	Crown of Thorns	sap
Helenium autumnale	Sneezeweed	all parts
Helianthus annuus	Sunflower	all parts
Monstera deliciosa	Fruit salad or Swiss Cheese plant	ripe fruit
Primula obconica	Primul	all parts
Ranunculus spp.	Buttercups	all parts
Rhus cotinus	Smoke tree	sap
Rudeckia hirta	Black-eyed-Susan	all parts
Sencio cineraria	Dusty miller	all parts
Tanacetum vulgare	Common pansy	all parts
Urtica spp.	Stinging nettle	all parts

TOXIC PLANTS BY COMMON NAME ONLY

(Fruits, pits or seeds are toxic.)

Common

Amaryllis	Mistletoe
Barberry	Mountain laurel
Boxwood	Narcissus
Castor bean	Nephthytis/Arrowhead
Chinaberry	Nightshade family
Chinese evergreen	Oak (acorns)
English ivy	Peony
Euonymous	Philodendron family
Four o'clock	Poison ivy/oak/sumac
Gladiola	Pokeweed
Holly	Privet
Jerusalem cherry	Snowball bush/Hydrangea
Jimsonweed	Water hemlock
Jonquil	

NON-TOXIC PLANTS BY COMMON NAME ONLY

(No evidence currently exists that these plants are poisonous.)

Common

African violet	Jade plant
Christmas cactus	Lilac
Coleus	Marigold
Corn plant	Norfolk pine tree
Crocus (spring)	Peperomia
Dandelion	Petunia
Dogwood	Prayer plant
Dracaena	Pyracantha/Firethorn
Easter lily	Rose
Ferns	Rubber tree plant
Ficus*	Sansevieria/Snake plant
Forsythia	Scheffiera*
Fuchsia	Spider plant
Geranium	Swedish Ivy
Hibiscus	Tulip*
Honeysuckle	Wandering Jew
Impatiens	Wax plant
	Wild strawberry/Snake berry
	Zebra plant

**Sap may be irritating*