



Poisonous Plants

(Ordered by common name)

Call your physician immediately if your child or anyone in your family has eaten poisonous parts of any of these plants. If a child eats a plant or bean you cannot identify, take a sample of leaves and the part eaten to show the doctor. An otherwise unexplained illness may be poisoning. If a child has access to any of these plants, tell your doctor.

If you cannot reach your doctor immediately, call 911 or the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Poison Control Center at 1-800-523-2222.

Unless you know for sure that it is safe, do not eat any plant parts and do not allow your child to do so.

- (Amaryllis spp.) - bulb
- (Anemone spp.) - all parts
- (Arum spp.) - all parts
- (Cestrum spp.) - fruit and sap
- (Clematis spp.) - all parts
- (Clivia spp.) - all parts
- (Crinum spp.) - all parts, especially bulb
- (Daphne spp.) - bark, leaves, and especially berries
- (Hydrangea spp.) - all parts
- (Lantana spp.) - all parts
- (Lobelia spp.) - all parts
- (Lycoris spp.) - bulb
- (Philodendron spp.) - leaves
- (Phygelius x capensis) - all parts
- (Phygelius x rectus) - all parts
- (Pieris spp.) - leaves and nectar
- (Wisteria spp.) - all parts, especially pods and seeds
- Autumn or meadow crocus (Colchicum autumnale) - all parts
- Avocado (Persea americana spp.) - leaves
- Azaleas (Rhododendron spp.) - leaves
- Black locust - invasive (Robinia pseudoacacia) - all parts
- Box, boxwood (Buxus sempervirens) - leaves, twigs
- Broom - invasive (Cytisus spp.) - leaves, seeds
- Buckeye, California buckeye (Aesculus californica) - all parts
- Burning bush (Euonymus spp.) - fruit, leaves
- Buttercup (Ranunculus spp.) - all parts except seeds
- California geranium - invasive (Senecio petasitis) - all parts
- Carolina jessamine (Gelsemium sempervirens) - all parts
- Castor bean - invasive (Ricinus communis) - beans
- Chinaberry tree (Melia azedarach) - bark, leaves, fruit (in quantity)
- Christmas rose (Helleborus spp.) - leaves, roots
- Comfrey (Symphytum officinale) - leaves questionable (do not ingest in quantity)
- Common or garden heliotrope (Heliotropium arborescens [H. peruvianum]) - all parts
- Corn cockle (Agrostemma) - all parts
- Crabapple (Malus spp.) - seeds
- Cyclamen (Cyclamen spp.) - tubers
- Daffodil (Narcissus spp.) - bulb
- Datura, Angels trumpet (Brugmansia [Datura] spp.) - all parts
- Deadly nightshade (Atropa belladonna) - all parts
- Deadly nightshade (Solanum nigrum) - all parts
- Dumb cane (Dffenbachia spp.) - all parts
- Elderberry (Sambucus spp.) - all except flowers and ripe berries
- Elephant ears (Caladium spp.) - all parts
- English Ivy - invasive (Hedera helix) - leaves
- Flowering tobacco (Nicotiana spp.) - all, if eaten
- Four o'clock (Mirabilis jalapa) - roots, seeds
- Foxglove (Digitalis spp.) - all parts
- Fremont's star lily (Zigadenus fremontii) - all parts
- Glory lily, Climbing lily (Gloriosa rothschildiana) - all parts, especially tuber
- Holly - invasive (Ilex spp.) - berries
- Horse chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) - all parts
- invasive (Cotoneaster spp.) - all parts
- invasive (Senecio spp.) - all parts
- Iris (Iris spp.) - underground stems
- Jerusalem cherry (Solanum pseudo-capsicum) - fruit
- Jimson weed (Datura stramonium) - all parts
- Lady's slipper (Cypripedium hirsutum) - stems, leaves
- Larkspur (Delphinium) - seeds
- Lily-of-the-valley (Convallaria majalis) - all parts, and the water in which flowers have been kept
- Lupine (Lupinus spp.) - seeds, pods
- Milkweed (Asclepias spp.) - sap of some species
- Mistletoe, American (Phoradendron flavescens) - all parts
- Mistletoe, European (Viscum album) - all parts
- Mock orange (Philadelphus spp.) - fruit
- Monkshood (Aconitum spp.) - all parts
- Morning glory (Ipomoea spp.) - seeds
- Mountain laurel (Kalmia latifolia) - all parts
- Oleander (Nerium oleander) - all parts
- Opium poppy, Bread poppy (Papaver somniferum) - unripe seed pod
- Periwinkle - invasive (Vinca spp.) - all parts
- Pimpernel (Anagallis spp.) - all parts
- Plums and cherries (Prunus spp.) - seed kernal (in pit)
- Poison hemlock (Conium maculatum) - all parts
- Poison oak (Toxicodendron diversilobum) - all parts
- Pokeweed (Phytolacca americana) - all parts
- Potato (Solanum tuberosum) - green parts
- Primrose (Primula spp.) - stems, leaves
- Privet (Ligustrum spp.) - berries
- Rhododendrons (Rhododendron spp.) - leaves
- Rhubarb (Rheum spp.) - leaves
- Rosary or Jequirry bean/pea (Abrus precatorius) - all parts
- Scarlet wisteria tree (Sesbania tripetii) - seeds
- Snowdrop (Galanthus nivalis) - bulb
- Spanish bayonet (Yucca spp.) - roots
- Spider lily (Hymenocallis spp.) - bulbs
- Spurge (Euphorbia spp.) - sap of some species
- Squill (Scilla spp.) - all parts
- Star-of-Bethlehem (Ornithogalum spp.) - all parts, especially bulb
- Sweet pea (Lathyrus odoratus) - stem, seeds
- Tomato (Lycopersicon esculentum) - leaves
- Toyon, California holly (Heteromeles arbutifolia) - all except ripe berries
- Tulip (Tulipa spp.) - bulbs
- Umbrella plant (Cyperus alternifolius) - all parts
- Walnut (Juglans spp.) - green shells
- Wood-rose (Merremia tuberosa) - all parts
- Yew (Taxus spp.) - all parts

For additional advice, call the Master Gardener Information Desk, 565-2608.