



# Poisonous Plants

(Ordered by botanical 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.**

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

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