

Plants can be poisonous!

This list contains some of the most common poisonous plants found in our area.

- We suggest you learn the names of all plants in your home and yard. We cannot identify them by phone. Your local garden store can help you.
- Don't be surprised to find that some parts of the same plant, like asparagus, rhubarb, or potato, can be poisonous while other parts are eatable.
- If you think someone might be poisoned, call the Upstate New York Poison Center.

Twelve percent of calls to the Poison Center are about plants.

Plant poisoning can make you sick.

It can also cause redness or itching of the skin.

What if a poisoning occurs?

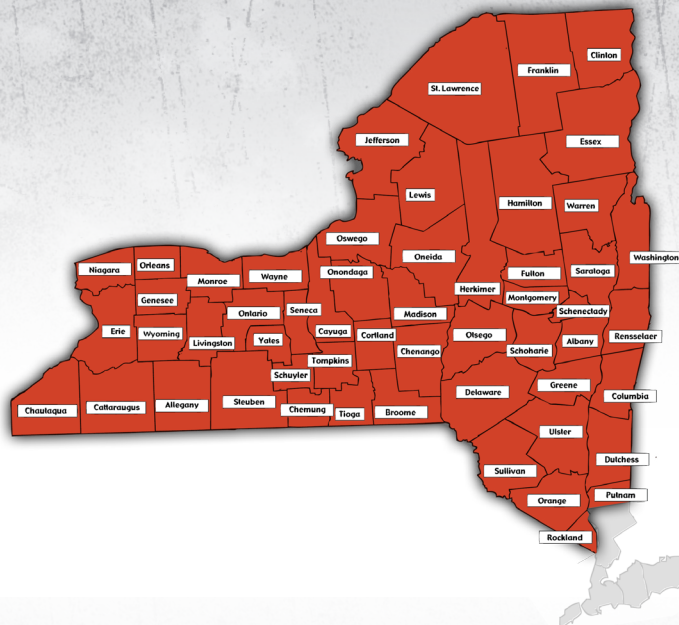
- Remove any portion left in the mouth.
- Call the Poison Center.
- Give a brief history of what happened.
- The Poison Specialist will tell you what to do next.

POISON PREVENTION TIPS

1. Teach your children never to put leaves, stems, bark, seeds, nuts or berries from any plant in their mouths, as many can be poisonous.
2. Store poisonous house plants, bulbs and seeds out of sight and out of reach.
3. Learn the names of the plants in your home and yard.
4. Don't assume that a plant is non-toxic to you if a bird or other wildlife is eating it.
5. "Cooking" poisonous plants doesn't destroy poisons in the plant.

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Poisonous Plants



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Poisonous Plants in the northeastern US

Common Name	Toxic Part
Acorn (Oak Tree) <i>Quercus</i>	nut meat
Amaryllis <i>Hippeastrum</i>	bulb
American Hellebore <i>Veratrum</i>	all
Anemone <i>Anemone</i>	all
Autumn Crocus <i>Colchicum</i>	bulb, all
Azalea <i>Rhododendron</i>	honey, all
Baneberry <i>Actea</i>	fruit, all
Belladonna/Deadly Nightshade . . . <i>Atropa</i>	fruit, all
Bittersweet (Nightshade) <i>Celastrus</i>	fruit
Bleeding Heart <i>Dicentra</i>	all
Bloodroot <i>Sanguinaria</i>	all
Blue Cohosh <i>Caulophyllum</i>	fruit, all
Boneset, White Snakeroot . . . <i>Eupatorium</i>	all
Box, Boxwood <i>Buxus</i>	all
Bulbs (various) <i>many</i>	all
Burning Bush <i>Euonymous</i>	fruit, all
Buttercup <i>Ranunculus</i>	all
Calla Lilly <i>Calla, Zantedeschia</i>	root, all
Cammomile, Chamomile <i>Anthemis</i>	all
Castor Bean <i>Ricinus</i>	bean
Celandine, Golden <i>Chelidonium</i>	juice, all
Chokecherry <i>Prunus</i>	raw fruit, sap, leaves
Cherry, Jerusalem <i>Solanum</i>	fruit, plant
Chinaberry <i>Melia</i>	seeds, all
Christmas Rose <i>Heleborus</i>	all
Cowslip, Marsh Marigold <i>Caltha</i>	all raw
Daffodil, Jonquil <i>Narcissus</i>	bulb, all
Daphne <i>Daphne</i>	fruit, all
Dumb Cane <i>Dieffenbachia</i>	all
Elephant Ear . . . <i>Alocasia, Colocasia, Caladium</i>	all
Fool's Parsley <i>Aethusa</i>	all
Foxglove <i>Digitalis</i>	all
Fringe Tree <i>Chionanthus</i>	all
Goldenchain Tree <i>Laburnum</i>	seeds, all
Goldenseal <i>Hydrastis</i>	all
Hemlock, Poison <i>Conium</i>	root, all
Hemlock, Water <i>Cicuta</i>	root, all
Henbane <i>Hyoscyamus</i>	all
Holly <i>Ilex</i>	fruit
Horsechestnut (Buckeye Tree) . . <i>Aesculus</i>	nut meat

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Hyacinth <i>Hyacinthus</i>	bulb, all
Iris <i>Iris</i>	rhizome, all
Ivy, English, German, Others	
. . . <i>Hedera, Senecio, Kalmia, Scindapsis</i>	fruit, all
Ivy, Poison <i>Rhus</i>	all
Jasmine, Jessamine . . <i>Gelsemium Jasminum</i>	all
Jequirity Bean, Rosary Pea	
. <i>Abrus (in jewelry)</i>	bean
Jerusalem Cherry <i>Solanum</i>	fruit, all
Jimson Weed, Thorn Apple,	
Larkspur <i>Delphinium</i>	all
Lillies <i>Gloriosa, Hyacinthus,</i>	
. <i>Zephyranthes, Atamasco</i>	bulb, all
Lily of the Valley <i>Convallaria</i>	all
Lobelia <i>Lobelia</i>	all
Matrimony Vine <i>Lycium</i>	fruit, all
Mayapple, Mandrake <i>Podophyllum</i>	whole plant, green fruit
Milkweed <i>Asclepias</i>	all raw
Mistletoe <i>Phoradendron, Viscum</i>	fruit, all
Monkshood <i>Aconitum</i>	all
Moonseed, False Wild Grape	
. <i>Menispermum</i>	fruit, all
Mushrooms <i>Amanita & others</i>	all

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Narcissus <i>Narcissus</i>	bulb
Nettle, Stinging <i>Urtica</i>	stems, leaves
Nicotine <i>Nicotiana</i>	all
Nightshade <i>Solanum</i>	all
Oleander <i>Nerium</i>	all
Philodendron	
. . . <i>Philodendron, Monstera, Scindapsus</i>	all
Poison Ivy, Oak, Sumac <i>Rhus</i>	all
Pokeweed, Skoke <i>Phytolacca</i>	all of mature plant, root
Poppy <i>Papaver</i>	all
Privet <i>Lagustrum</i>	fruit, all
Rhododendron <i>Rhododendron</i>	honey, all
Skunk Cabbage <i>Symplocarpus</i>	all raw
Snowdrop <i>Galanthus</i>	bulb, all
Snow on the Mountain <i>Euphorbia</i>	honey, all
Squirrel Corn <i>Dicentra</i>	"corn", all
Star of Bethlehem <i>Orinithogalum</i>	bulb, all
Virginia Creeper <i>Parthenocissus</i>	fruit
Yew <i>Taxus</i>	all

Some fruit pits, including apples, almonds, apricots, peaches, plums, and crabapples contain a poison that is released when ingested.

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This is a partial list and does not include all poisonous plants located in the northeastern US. Do not assume any plant is non-poisonous.

For more information about specific plants, visit the USDA at www.plants.usda.gov.
For more information about poisonous plants, visit www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants