

~KILLERS IN YOUR GARDEN~

Below is a list of common plants that are frequently found in the typical suburban back yards. Dog Owners need to be aware how dangerous they can be to our beloved four legged companions and in particular to puppies that tend to chew anything they can get their teeth into.

Name Of Plant	Segment	Symptoms
Azalea	Entire plant	Paralysis of the muscles, including the heart; depression of the central nervous system. Sometimes fatal.
Bird of Paradise	Seed pods	Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.
Buttercup	Entire plant	Stomach irritation, diarrhoea and in large quantities, convulsions.
Calla Lily or Canna Lily	Entire plant	Intense burning sensation and irritation of the mouth and stomach.
Capsicum		Causes a burning rash, swollen tissues, and intense irritation of the lips, mouth, throat and stomach. Ingestion also causes vomiting and diarrhoea.
Castor Bean	Entire plant but especially seeds	Burning sensation in mouth. Swallowing two or more seeds may cause serious illness or death.
Cayenne Pepper		See Capsicum
Chrysanthemum	Leaves and stems	Contact Dermatitis
Crocus	Any part of the plant	Immediate burning pain in the mouth and throat followed by nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea.
	Flower head	Can be fatal.
Cycad	All parts of the plant including the seeds and root ball	Vomiting, diarrhoea and lethargy. The toxins in the plant lead to severe liver failure with progressive weakness, jaundice, bruising and bleeding and other signs of liver failure that lead to death
Daffodil	Entire plant	Severe vomiting and diarrhoea, trembling, convulsions and sometimes death.

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Daphne	Entire plant	Burning and ulceration of the stomach and intestines. Bloody vomiting and diarrhoea
Dumb Cane (Dieffenbachia)	Leaves	Highly toxic. Chewing the leaves causes immediate intense pain and swelling of the mouth.
English Ivy	Leaves and berries	General excitement, difficulties in breathing, coma.
Feverfew	Leaves and stems	Contact Dermatitis
Holly	Berries	Vomiting, diarrhoea, weakness and collapse.
Hyacinth		See Daffodil.
Hydrangea	Flower buds	Cyanide poisoning. Some hours may pass before the symptoms of abdominal pain, vomiting and lethargy become obvious.
Iris	Leaves and roots	Causes severe burning and pain in the intestinal tract.
	Sap and seeds	Skin irritation may result.
Yellow Jasmine	Entire plant	Thirst. Dilation of pupils, reddened skin, headache, high blood pressure, rapid pulse, convulsions, delirium. Coma.
Jerusalem Cherry	Berries	Vomiting, diarrhoea and collapse.
Jonquil		See Daffodil.
Lantana	Berries	Gastro-intestinal irritation, muscular weakness and circulatory difficulties. Sometimes fatal.
Marguerite Daisies	Leaves and stems	Contact Dermatitis
Narcissus		See Daffodil
Oleander	Entire plant	Nausea, depression, bloody diarrhoea, weakened and irregular pulse and paralysis.
Philodendron	Leaves	Causes painful burning of the lips, mouth, tongue and throat when chewed.
Poinsettia	Leaves, stems	Toxic. Diarrhoea, abdominal cramps and delirium.
	Milky sap	Sap can cause irritation and if rubbed in eyes, blindness.

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Cycad or Sago Palm



Daffodils



Rhubarb



Sweet Peas

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Poison Oak	Leaves	Skin irritation.
Potato Green or sprouting		Causes vomiting, nausea, diarrhoea, stomach pain, dilated pupils, circulatory shock, respiratory depression, shock and paralysis.
Privet	Entire plant	Bloody vomiting, diarrhoea, severe irritation of digestive tract and general nervous symptoms.
Ranunculus	Entire plant	See Buttercup
Red Pepper		See Capsicum
Rhubarb	Leaves	Causes violent vomiting, nasal bleeding, stomach pains, and difficulty in breathing, burning of mouth and throat. Death may occur rapidly.
Sago Palm		See Cycad
Sweet Peas	Entire plant and flower	Poisonous if eaten. Causes permanent paralysis, slow and weak pulse, shallow breathing, weakness, tremors, excitement and convulsions.
Tomato Bush	Leaves and stems	Headache, stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhoea, subnormal temperature, circulatory and respiratory depression.
Tulip	Bulbs	Contact may cause contact dermatitis. Ingestion causes nausea, vomiting, increased salivation and heart palpitations.
Wandering Jew	Leaves and stems	Contact Dermatitis
Wisteria	Entire plant	Severe vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhoea.
Yellow Jasmine	Entire plant	Thirst, dilation of pupils, reddened skin, headache, high blood pressure and rapid pulse, convulsion, delirium and coma.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- It is not safe to assume that just because you can eat one part of a particular plant, that the rest is not poisonous. For instance, peach stones and leaves contain cyanide. Apricots also contain cyanide and children have actually died from eating too many kernels. Although rhubarb stalks are good to eat, the leaf has been known to cause fatalities in humans.
- Some symptoms may not occur for up to 10 + hours, so if you think your dog may have eaten a poisonous plant, seek veterinary help immediately.
- If you are not sure of the name of the plant, take samples of the leaves, stems and flowers with you to the vet to enable identification, correct diagnosis and speedy treatment.
- If your dog eats a poisonous plant, immediately pour a teaspoon full of salt onto the back of the dog's tongue. This should induce vomiting within a few minutes. If it doesn't, repeat the procedure. Once the dog has vomited take it to your vet in case any further treatment is necessary.