

## Guide to Poisonous Houseplants

### Poisonous Houseplants

The following houseplants are known for causing various harmful reactions if the leaves or berries are rubbed on the skin, chewed, or eaten. While not all of them are deadly, it's a good idea to keep them out of reach of curious children or pets:

| Plant Name   | Irritation or swelling of skin, mouth, or throat | Digestive or other ill reaction if eaten | Can be deadly! |
|--|--|--|----------------|
| Aloe ( <i>Aloe sp.</i> )                           |  | ✓  |                |
| Amaryllis ( <i>Hippeastrum</i> )                   |  | ✓  |                |
| Anthurium ( <i>Anthurium sp.</i> )                 | ✓  |  |                |
| Arrowhead Vine ( <i>Nephtytis</i> )                | ✓  |  |                |
| Asparagus Fern ( <i>Asparagus plumosus</i> )       | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Azaleas ( <i>Rhododendron sp.</i> )                |  | ✓  | ✓              |
| Cactus ( <i>Cactaceae sp.</i> )                    | ✓  |  |                |
| Caladium ( <i>Caladium sp.</i> )                   | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Castor bean ( <i>Ricinus communis</i> )            | ✓  | ✓  | ✓              |
| Century Plant ( <i>Agave americana</i> )           | ✓  |  |                |
| Clivia ( <i>Clivia sp.</i> )                       |  | ✓  |                |
| Croton ( <i>Codiaeum variegatum</i> )              | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Crown of Thorns ( <i>Euphorbia milii</i> )         | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Cyclamen ( <i>Cyclamen sp.</i> )                   | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Daffodil ( <i>Narcissus sp.</i> )                  | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Dumb Cane ( <i>Dieffenbachia sp.</i> )             | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| English Ivy ( <i>Hedera helix</i> )                | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Ficus ( <i>Ficus sp.</i> )                         | ✓  |  |                |
| Fishtail Palm ( <i>Caryota sp.</i> )               | ✓  |  |                |
| Jerusalem Cherry ( <i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i> ) |  | ✓  |                |
| Mistletoe ( <i>Phoradendron sp.</i> )              |  | ✓  |                |
| Oleander ( <i>Nerium oleander</i> )                |  | ✓  | ✓              |
| Peace Lily ( <i>Spathiphyllum</i> )                | ✓  |  |                |
| Philodendron ( <i>Philodendron sp.</i> )           | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Poinsettia ( <i>Euphorbia pulcherrima</i> )        | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Pothos ( <i>Scindapsus</i> )                       | ✓  |  |                |
| Schefflera ( <i>Schefflera sp.</i> )               | ✓  | ✓  |                |
| Swiss Cheese Plant ( <i>Monstera deliciosa</i> )   | ✓  |  |                |

### Non-Toxic Houseplants

The following houseplants are typically considered nontoxic, though allergic reactions in certain individuals may occur:

#### Nontoxic Houseplants:

African Violet (*Saintpaulia ionantha*)  
 Aluminum Plant (*Pilea sp.*)  
 Baby Tears (*Helxine soleirolii*)  
 Bromeliads (*Guzmania sp.*)  
 Coleus (*Coleus sp.*)  
 Corn Plant (*Dracaena fragrans*)  
 Creeping Charlie (*Pilea nummularia*)  
 Dracaena (*Dracaena sp.*)  
 Hens and Chickens (*Sempervivum tectorum*)  
 Holiday Cactus (*Schlumbergera sp.*)  
 Indoor Ferns  
 Jade Plant (*Crassula argentea*)  
 Kalanchoe (*Kalanchoe sp.*)  
 Lipstick Plant (*Aeschynanthus lobbianus*)  
 Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*)  
 Orchids (*Epiphyllum sp.*)  
 Palms (except Fishtail)  
 Peperomia (*Peperomia sp.*)  
 Prayer Plant (*Maranta leuconeura*)  
 Purple Passion Plant (*Gynura aurantiaca*)  
 Rubber Plant (*Ficus elastica*)  
 Sensitive Plant (*Mimosa pudica*)  
 Snake Plant, Mother-In-Law's Tongue (*Sanseveria trifasciata*)  
 Spider Plant (*Chlorophytum comosum*)  
 Swedish Ivy (*Plectranthus australis*)  
 Wandering Jew (*Tradescantia sp.*)  
 Wax Plant (*Hoya carmosa*)  
 Zebra Plant (*Aphelandra squarrosa*)