



Guidelines for Poisonous Plants in a Child Care Facility

All plants, their roots, stems, leaves, flowers, and fruit can be potentially toxic. Generally, the plant or a part of the plant has to be ingested for someone to have a reaction but simply touching the plant can cause a reaction as well.

Poisonous plants are prohibited in areas of a child care facility occupied by infants and toddlers. Preschool age children must be supervised around poisonous plants. This is a limited list of specific plants that have been classified as poisonous. If a plant is not listed here it does not mean that it is not poisonous. When adding plants to a child care facility it is important to verify whether or not it is poisonous. Additional resources on poisonous plants can be found at the links below.

[https://www.rmpds.org/system/user_files/Documents/Plant%20guide%20%201-31-08%20\(1\).pdf](https://www.rmpds.org/system/user_files/Documents/Plant%20guide%20%201-31-08%20(1).pdf)

<http://www.ansci.cornell.edu/plants/index.html>

In the event that a child ingests a plant call Rocky Mountain Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222.

You can contact your local public health agency or the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment if you have questions about the Rules and Regulations Governing the Health and Sanitation of Child Care Facilities in the State of Colorado.

Find the contact information for your Local Public Health Agency at <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/public-information/find-your-local-public-health-agency>.

Contact CDPHE at (303)692-3645 or cdphe_iepu@state.co.us



Flowers

The table below contains the common name(s) and botanical name of flowers that have been identified as poisonous. This is not an exhaustive list.

Common Name(s)	Botanical Name
Caladium, Angel Wings (all parts)	Caladium bicolor
Cardinal Flower (all parts)	Lobelia cardinalis
Castor Bean (seeds and leaves)	Ricinus communis
Daffodil (all parts)	Narcissus
Flowering Tobacco (leaves and flowers)	Nicotiana glauca
Four-o'clock, Marvel-of-Peru (roots and seeds)	Mirabilis jalapa
Foxglove (all parts)	Digitalis purpurea
Foxglove (all parts)	Helleborus
Iris (all parts)	Iris spp.
Lantana, Red Sage, Yellow Sage, West Indian Lantana (unripe fruits and leaves)	Lantana camara
Larkspur (delphinium)	Delphinium spp.
Lily of the Valley (all parts)	Convallaria majalis
Lupine (all parts)	Lupinus spp.
Monkshood, Aconite (all parts)	Aconitum spp.
Poppy (all parts)	Papaver somniferum
Snowdrop (bulb)	Galanthus
Spurges (milky sap)	Euphorbia spp.
Star-of Bethlehem (all parts)	Ornithogalum umbellatum
Sweet pea, Tangier Pea (seeds and pods)	Lathyrus spp.
Tulip (bulbs)	Tulipa

Houseplants

The table below contains the common name(s) and botanical name of houseplants that have been identified as poisonous. This is not an exhaustive list.

Common Name(s)	Botanical Name
Aloe (sap if ingested)	<i>Aloe barbadensis miller</i>
Anthurium, Flamingo Lily (all parts)	<i>Anthurium andraeanum</i>
Calla Lily (all parts)	<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>
Chinese evergreen	<i>Aglaonema</i>
Croton (seeds, leaves, and stems)	<i>Codiaeum variegatum</i>
Crown of Thorns (milky sap)	<i>Euphorbia milii</i>
Dumb Cane/Dieffenbachia (all parts)	<i>Dieffenbachia seguine</i>
Elephant Ear (all parts)	<i>Colocasia</i>
Jerusalem Cherry (all parts)	<i>Solanum pseudocapsicum</i>
Mistletoe (all parts)	<i>Viscum album</i>
Philodendron (all parts)	<i>Philodendron</i>

Fruit Trees and Garden Plants

The table below contains the common name(s) and botanical name of fruit trees and garden plants that have been identified as poisonous. This is not an exhaustive list.

Common Name(s)	Botanical Name
Apricot (bark, leaves, seeds, pits)	<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>
Cherry (bark, leaves, seeds, pits)	<i>Prunus avium</i>
Common garden beans (if eaten raw when mature or nearing maturity)	<i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i>
Peach (bark, leaves, seeds, pits)	<i>Prunus persica</i>
Plum (bark, leaves, seeds, pits)	<i>Prunus domestica</i>
Potatoes (green or sprouting)	<i>Solanum tuberosum</i>

Landscape Plants

The table below contains the common name(s) and botanical name of houseplants that have been identified as poisonous. This is not an exhaustive list.

Common Name(s)	Botanical Name
Azalea (leaves and flowers)	Rhododendron
Black Locust (all parts)	Robinia pseudoacacia
Boston Ivy (berries)	Parthenocissus tricuspidata
Boxwood (leaves and twigs)	Buxus
Buckeye (all parts)	Aesculus
Burning Bush (all parts)	Euonymus alatus
Clematis (leaves)	Clematis
Elderberry (all parts)	Sambucus
English Ivy (all parts)	Hedera helix
Euonymus	Euonymus
Holly (berries, leaves)	Ilex
Honeysuckle	Lonicera spp
Horse Chestnut, Buckeye (all parts)	Aesculus hippocastanum
Hydrangea (leaves and buds)	Hydrangea macrophylla
Oak (acorns, leaves)	Quercus
Privet (all parts)	Ligustrum
Rhododendron (leaves and flowers)	Rhododendron
Snowberry	Symphoricarpos
Wisteria (all parts)	Wisteria sinensis
Viburnum/Arrowwood virburnum	Virburnum