

Factors to Consider when dealing with toxic plants:

1. Contact– A plant can only be toxic if an animal comes in contact with it. Place potentially toxic plants far enough away from fences that animals can not reach them. Do not place trimmings in animal enclosures. Many plants are still toxic when dried.
2. Ingestion– The amount of a potentially toxic plant consumed has a large effect on the severity of the poisoning. Some plants are highly toxic and consuming very little can have toxic effect.
3. Environment– The growth stage of the plant, drought or heavy fertilization can affect the toxicity of plants.



Additional Resources:

University of Pennsylvania

<http://cal.vet.upenn.edu/projects/poison/index.html>

Cornell University

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

Colorado State University

http://www.vth.colostate.edu/poisonous_plants/index.cfm

ASPCA– Animal Poison Control Center

<http://www.aspca.org/apcc>

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Toxic Landscape Plants for Creatures, Critters and You



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Partial List of Common House, Garden and Landscape Plants

Plant Species	Horses	Cattle	Sheep	Goats	Llama	Dog	Cats	Humans	Toxic Part of Plant
Azalea, Rhododendron	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	Entire plant, including nectar
Foxglove <i>Digitalis purpurea</i>	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	Entire plant, remains toxic when dried
Bleeding Heart <i>Dicentra</i> species	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		Entire plant
Black Walnut <i>Juglans nigra</i>	✓					✓			Wood shavings cause laminitis in horses Moldy walnuts especially toxic to dogs
Yew <i>Taxus</i> species	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		Leaves & Twigs
Tulip, Narcissus, Daffodil						✓			Outer Layer of bulbs
Lilies							✓		Entire plant, especially leaves Extremely toxic
Red Maple <i>Acer rubrum</i>	✓								Wilted and dried leaves
Elderberry <i>Sambucus</i> species	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				Leaves, twigs Avoid planting near animal enclosures
Cyclamen						✓	✓		Roots contain the highest amount of toxin
Lily of the valley <i>Convallaria majalis</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

If livestock or pet poisoning is suspected, contact your veterinarian or the ASPCA- Animal Poison Control Center (888) 426-4435