



Classes of Toxic Plants

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Not all species or varieties of these plants have the same levels of toxins. Classification is based on the most dangerous plant of that species or variety.

An example is the avocado. Avocados are of several varieties, only one of which contains toxins at a level dangerous to species other than humans. Hybridization of the varieties for agricultural reasons has made it difficult to determine if the toxic variety is part of a hybrid species. Thus, all avocados are assumed to be problematic.

Many plants are safe if treated to destroy toxins. Fruit trees are all listed as Class 1 toxins, but if the bark and branches are totally dried out, the toxins are destroyed. The sticks make wonderful rabbit chew toys. Remember if the sticks have any green in the bark (scrape through with a fingernail), then they are not dried. The seeds of all stone fruits (those with pits), apples, and pears should be treated as Class 1 toxins even if dried.

Class 1: Universal species toxins. These are usually systemic toxins or local effect toxins of sufficient intensity to cause systemic problems. In general, these plants should not be part of your household or they should be well-protected from rabbits.

Class 2: Local toxins: Allergens, dermal sensitivity toxins, or systemic toxins of lesser strengths. Since rabbits inevitably chew items, these toxins could be more of a problem than the current literature indicates. These plants should be viewed with caution.

Class 3: Low risk plants. Low-level toxins or toxins that herbivores, such as rabbits, routinely handle better than non-herbivore species. This class also contains plants that have historically been considered quite toxic, but recently whose toxicity is being reevaluated as nontoxic or low toxicity.

If you suspect any of your pets is experiencing poisoning, call your vet. Bring in the whole suspected plant, any vomit, or chewed parts of plant. Check all plants to make sure that chewing is confined only to that suspected plant.



Class 1: Call your vet immediately or go to an emergency clinic immediately.

Class 2: Call your vet for consultation on whether an appointment is warranted.

Class 3: Watch rabbit carefully for any signs of poisoning or ill health. Call your vet if you feel it is warranted.

CLASS 1 - Do NOT expose rabbits to these plants.

Anemone	Castor Bean	Flypoison
Angel's Trumpet	Chalice Vine	Fool's Parsley
Apple	Cherry Laurel	Foxglove
Apricot	Chinese bellflower	Fruit pits
Arrowgrass	Chinese Lantern	Glory Lilly
Autumn Crocus	Chokecherry	Gold Dieffenbachia
Avocado	Christmas Berry	Goldenchain
Azalea	Christmas Rose	Goldenrain
Baby Wood Rose	Cocklebur	Greasewood
Balsam Apple	Coytillo	Halogeton
Balsam Pear	Crowpoison	Hawaiian Baby Wood Rose
Baneberry (white, red, black)	Daffodil	Hellebore
Beafsteak plant	Daphne	Henbane
Bittersweet	Day-Blooming Jessamine	Horse Nettle
Bitterweed	Deadly Nightshade	Indian Hemp
Black Cherry	Death Camas	Indian tobacco
Black Nightshade	Delphinium	Indigo
Bladderpod	Devil's Tomato	Inkberry
Bloodroot	Dieffenbachia	Inkweed/Drymary
Blue Gum	Doll's eyes	Jasimine
Bluebonnet	Dumbcane	Jequirity Beans
Boxwood	Elderberry	Jerusalem Cherry
Buddhist Pine	English Ivy	Jessamine
Bunchberry	English Laurel	Jimmy Fern/Cloak Fern
Buttercup/Ranuncula	Eucalyptus	Jimson Weed/Thorn Apple
Butterfly Weed	European Nightshade	Jonquil
Calico bush/Mountain Laurel	Exotica perfection	Karela
California Holly	False parsley	Laburnum
Carolina jasmine	False Wild grape	Lambkill
	Flowering maple	Larkspur



Leucaena
Ligustrum
Lillies
Lily-of-the-Valley
Lobelia
Lupines
Mandrake
May Apple
Meadow saffron
Mescal
Milk Vetch
Milkweed
Molds in Hay
Monkshood
Moonflower
Moonseed
Morning Glory
Mother-in-Law Plant
Mountain Laurel
Mushrooms
Needlepoint Ivy
Nutmeg
Oleander
Orange Sneezeweed
Paradise Plant
Peach Tree
Pear Tree
Perill mint
Periwinkle
Peyote
Pheasant's Eye
Plum Tree
Poison Ash
Poison Hemlock
Poison Ivy
Poison Nut
Poison Oak
Poison Sumac
Poke salad
Pokeweed
Poppy
Potato
Precatory bean
Prickly poppy
Privet Hedge
Purple Mint
Red Sage
Rhododendron
Ripple Ivy
Rosary pea
Rosebay
Rose-bay
Scilla
Sheep Laurel
Silverleaf nightshade
Sneezeweed
Spider Climbing Lilly
Spotted Dumb Cane
Squill
Stinkweed
Swamp Laurel/ Bog Laurel
Sweetheart Ivy
Tansy
Toadstools
Tomato
Toyon
Trumpet Flower
Trumpet Plant
Tullidora
Variable Dieffenbachia
Water Hemlock
Water Parsnip
Wild Carrot
Wild cucumber
Wild Jessamine
Wild mushrooms
Wild Peas
Windflower
Wolfsbane
Wood-rose
Yellow jasmine
Yew



CLASS 2: May cause allergic reaction in rabbits. Be cautious.

African Blue Lilly	Corn Plant	Green gold Nephthysis
Agapanthus	Cow Parsnip	Guajillo
Alder Buckthorn	Cowslip	Hogweed
Amaryllis	Crinum Lily	Hogwort
American Hellebore	Croton	Horsebrush
Anthurium	Crown of Thorns	Horsetail Reed
Arrowhead vine	Crown Vetch	Hunter's robe
Barberry	Cut-leaf Philodendron	Hyacinth
Bear Grass	Cycads	Hydrangea
Begonia (sand)	Cyclamen	Indian Poke
Bird of Paradise	Dasheen	Indian Tobacco
Bleeding Heart	Dessert Tobacco	Inkberry
Blue Gum	Devil's Ivy	Iris
Bracken Fern	Dianthus	Jack-in-the-Pulpit
Buckeye/Horse Chestnut	Dracaena palm/Ribbon Plant	Japanese Pagoda Tree
Buckthorn	Dutchman's Breeches	Locoweed
Burning Bush	Dutchman's Pipe	Lucky Bamboo
Cactus	Elephant Ear	Madagascar Dragon Tree/ Red-Margined
Caladium	Emerald Feather	Dracaena
Calendula/Pot Marigold	Emerald Fern	Marble Queen
Calla Lilly	Eucalyptus	Marijuana
Candelabra Cactus	Euonymus	Marsh Marigold
Cardinal Flower	Everlasting Pea	Meadow Pea
Carnations	Eyebane	Mesquite
Cassine	False Hellebore	Mexican Breadfruit
Century Plant	False Sago Palm	Miniature Croton
Ceriman/Split-Leaf	Fern Palms	Mistletoe
Philodendron/ Mexican Breadfruit	Fiddleneck	Nephthytis/Chinese Evergreen
Chinaberry Tree	Fireweed	Night Jessamine
Chinese Inkberry	Fishtail Palm	Oak Tree
Clematis	Florida Beauty	Panda
Climbing Bittersweet	Fruit Salad Plant	Paper-flowers
Coffee Bean/ Senna Bean	Geranium (California)	Partridge Breast
Coral Berry/Snowberry	Gladiola	Peace Lilly
Cordatum/ Philodendron	Gold Dust Dracaena	Pencil Tree
Corn Cockle	Golden Pothos	
	Green Cestrum	



Peony
Persian Violet
Philodendron
Pigweed
Pingue/Colorado Rubber
Weed
Plumosa Fern
Poinciana
Pot Mum/Spider Mum
Pothos
Prickly copper-weed
Pride of Barbados
Rabbitbrush
Rayless goldenrod
Red princess
Rhubarb
Sacahuista
Saddle leaf Philodendron

Sago Palm
Sand Begonia
Satin Pothos
Schefflera
Scindapus
Shamrock Plant/Oxalis
Silver Pothos
Skunk Cabbage
Snow-on-the-mountain
Solomon's Seal
Spathe Flower
Split Leaf Philodendron
Star of Bethlehem
Strawberry Bush
Striped Dracaena
Sweet Flag
Sweet Pea
Swiss Cheese Plant

Tallow, Chinese/Japanese
Tansy
Tara
Taro Vine
Tobacco
Tree Philodendron
Tulip
Umbrella plant
Variegated Philodendron
Variegated Rubber Plant
Walnut
Warneckei Dracaena
White Snakeroot
Wild Tobacco
Wisteria
Yaupon Holly



CLASS 3: Low Level Toxins.

Acacia	Indian Laurel
African Rue	Indian Rubber plant
Aloe Vera	Johnson Grass
Alsike Clover	Juniper
Apple Leaf Croton	Kafir
Asparagus Fern	Klamath Weed
Baccharis	Lechiguilla
Betel Nut Palm	Maiden Hair Tree
Black Locust	Majesty
Black Root/Black Snakeroot	Medicine Plant
Black Walnut	Milo
Blue Cohosh	Poinsettia
Boston Ivy	Primrose
Broomweed	Purple Sesbane
Calamondin Orange Tree	Pyracantha
Cineraria/Groundsel	Rattlebox
Creeping Charlie (not houseplant)	Rattleweed
Cuban Laurel	Red Emerald
Daisy	Silverling
Emerald Duke	Snakeweed
Fiddle-leaf Fig	Sorghum
Firecracker	Sprengeri Fern (asparagus)
Firethorn	St. Johns Wort
Fireweed	String of Beads
Four O'clock	String of Pearls
Gentians	Sudan grass
German Ivy	True Aloe
Gill over the Ground	Turpentine Plant
Ginko	Virginia Creeper
Goatweed	Weeping Fig
Ground Ivy	Wild Cucumber/Balsam
Groundsel	Apple
Heart Ivy	Wild Pea
Heartleaf	Woodbine
Holly Tree/Bush	Yerba-de-pasmo
Horse-Head	