

**Toxic To Dogs** – these items can cause severe reactions in animals including DEATH. This is a partial list of the most common variety of flowers and plants found in the home or garden.

**Chewing Gum:**

The ingredient XYLITOL in sugarless gum can be toxic to animals.

**Cocoa Mulch:**

Advertised to keep cats away from gardens.

Although the mulch had NO warnings printed on the label, upon further investigation on the company's web site, this product is HIGHLY toxic to dogs and cats.

Cocoa Mulch is manufactured by Hershey's, and they claim that "It is true that studies have shown that 50% of the dogs that eat Cocoa Mulch can suffer physical harm to a variety of degrees (depending on each individual dog). However, 98% of all dogs won't eat it."

\*Snopes site gives the following information:

<http://www.snopes.com/critters/crusader/cocoamulch.asp>

Cocoa Mulch, which is sold by Home Depot, Foreman's Garden Supply and other Garden supply stores contains a lethal ingredient called 'Theobromine'. It is lethal to dogs and cats. It smells like chocolate and it really attracts dogs. They will ingest this stuff and die.

Theobromine is in all chocolate, especially dark or baker's chocolate which is toxic to dogs. Cocoa bean shells contain potentially toxic quantities of theobromine, a xanthine compound similar in effects to caffeine and theophylline.

**Grapes:**

May be FATAL.

**HOUSEPLANTS:**

**Autumn Crocus:**

The bulbs cause vomiting and nervous reactions.

**Azaleas:**

All parts of this plant are FATAL. Produces nausea, vomiting, depression, difficult breathing, prostration and coma.

**Bleeding Heart:**

Foliage can be poisonous in large amounts.

**Buttercups:**

All parts have irritant juices which can severely injure the digestive system.

**Castor Bean Seeds:**

ARE FATAL. One or two castor bean seeds are near the lethal dose for adult dogs.

**Daffodil:**

The bulbs cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and may be FATAL.

**Dutchman's Breeches:**

Foliage and roots may be poisonous in large amounts.

**Elderberry:**

All parts except the berry. Children have been poisoned by using pieces of the pithy stems for blowguns. Nausea and digestive upset.

**Foxglove:**

Leaves are one of the sources of the drug digitalis. In large amounts causes irregular heartbeat and pulse, digestive upset and mental confusion. May be FATAL.

**Golden Chain:**

Bean-like capsule causes severe poisoning. Excitement, staggering, convulsions, and coma, may be FATAL.

**Hyacinth:**

Bulbs cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May be FATAL.

**Iris:**

Underground stems cause severe digestive upset but not usually serious.

**Jack-in-the-pulpit:**

All parts, especially roots contain small needle-like crystals of calcium oxalate that cause intense irritation and burning of the mouth and tongue.

**Larkspur:**

Young plant and seeds cause digestive upset, nervous excitement, depression. May be FATAL.

**Lily-o-the-Valley:**

Leaves and flowers cause irregular heart beat and pluse, usually accompanied by digestive upset and mental confusion.

**Mistletoe:**

Berries ARE FATAL. Both children and adults have died from eating the berries.

**Narcissus:**

Bulbs cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea. May be FATAL.

**Oleander:**

Leaves and branches are extremely poisonous. Affects the heart, produces severe digestive upset and has caused death.

**Poinsettia:**

Leaves ARE FATAL. One leaf can kill a child.

**Rhubarb:**

Leaf blade is FATAL. Large amounts of raw or cooked leaves can cause convulsions, coma followed rapidly by DEATH.

**Yew:**

Berries and foliage are fatal. Foliage more toxic than berries. Death is usually sudden without warning symptoms.