TOXIC KITTY

Toxic plants for cats

A one-page fridge poster. Emergency plants, common houseplants and garden plants, and species listed as non-toxic. Verdicts match our guides. If your cat chews a plant, call your vet or an emergency vet.

Scan for the Toxic Kitty app

Emergency: drop everything and call

Treat any contact as a vet call. Do not wait for signs. Do not make your cat sick unless a vet tells you to.

True lilies	Lilium and Hemerocallis, including Easter, tiger, Asiatic, Oriental and daylilies. Pollen, petals, leaves and vase water can cause acute kidney failure.
Sago palm	A cycad, not a true palm. All parts are toxic; seeds are the worst. Linked with severe liver failure.
Autumn crocus	Colchicum, not spring crocus. Colchicine in flowers, corms and vase water. An emergency plant.

ASPCA Animal Poison Control: (888) 426-4435, 24/7. A consultation fee may apply.
Pet Poison Helpline: (855) 764-7661, 24/7. A $99 per-incident fee applies.

Toxic: paws off, keep out of reach

These are still not cat-safe. Identify the plant and call your vet if it was chewed.

HOUSEPLANTS

Pothos (devil's ivy)	Oxalate crystals; mouth pain and drooling. Hanging it does not make it safe.
Peace lily	Oxalate irritant, not a true lily. Still not a cat-safe houseplant.
Monstera	Oxalates in leaves and stems.
Snake plant	Saponins that can upset a cat's stomach.
Aloe vera	Poisonous if chewed. Vomiting, diarrhea and lethargy.
Dracaena	Mildly toxic saponins in corn plants, dragon trees and lucky bamboo.
Cyclamen	Saponins, especially in the tuber. A winter windowsill problem.
Poinsettia	Usually mouth irritation; milder than its reputation. Still keep it out of reach.
Calla lily	Oxalate irritant, not a true lily. Mouth pain and drooling. Still keep it out of reach.
Jade plant	ASPCA and Cats Protection mark it toxic. Animal PoisonLine lists Crassula ovata as pet-safe.

GARDEN, YARD AND SEASONAL

Tulips	Tulipalin; bulbs are worst. Vase water is not a cat bowl.
Daffodils	Lycorine in bulbs, stems and vase water. Paperwhites share the concern.
Amaryllis and hyacinth	Forced winter bulbs and vase water sitting at cat height.
Chrysanthemums	Sesquiterpene lactones and pyrethrins. Florist daisies are often mums.
Carnations	Mildly toxic. Pinks and Sweet William sit on the same caution lists.
Holly and mistletoe	Toxic. UK charities highlight the berries most. Not the same as a lily or a poinsettia.
Hydrangea	Cyanogenic glycoside; gut upset is the usual picture. Cyanide poisoning is listed as rare.

Listed as non-toxic: the friendlier bunch

Named species our guides list as non-toxic. Any plant can still cause mild upset if overeaten. Check the Latin name before a pot comes home.

Spider plant · Calathea · Parlor palm · Areca palm · Boston fern · Moth orchid · Rosemary · Roses · Sunflowers · African violet · Peperomia · Money tree · Christmas cactus

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Sources: ASPCA, Cats Protection, Animal PoisonLine. Full guides at www.toxickitty.app.
Shared by Toxic Kitty (https://www.toxickitty.app), an iOS app that checks plants, foods and household items for cat toxicity. Guidance only, not a diagnosis. If you are worried, always contact your vet.