

Plant	Toxic parts	Main signs (per the ASPCA and other sources)
HIGHEST RISK		
Sago palm	All, especially the orange-red seeds	Vomiting, dark tarry stool, jaundice, bruising, liver failure, death. Can be fatal within hours.
Coontie (Zamia)	All, especially seeds	Vomiting (may be bloody), dark stools, jaundice, liver failure. 1 to 2 seeds can be fatal.
Daylilies & true lilies	All, including pollen and vase water	Vomiting, not eating, lethargy, kidney failure. Can be fatal in under 3 days.
Gloriosa lily	All, especially tuberous roots	Bloody vomiting, diarrhea, shock, multi-organ damage.
Oleander	All	Drooling, abdominal pain, diarrhea, depression, death.
SERIOUS, BUT USUALLY LESS SEVERE		
Yesterday, today & tomorrow	All, especially berries	Tremors, seizures lasting several days, vomiting, diarrhea, drooling, incoordination.
Azalea	All, including flowers and nectar	Vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, cardiac failure.
Periwinkle (vinca)	Plant (no part singled out)	Vomiting, diarrhea, low blood pressure, tremors, seizures, coma, death.
Lantana	All, toxins mostly in leaves	Vomiting, diarrhea, labored breathing, weakness.
Kalanchoe	Plant (no part singled out)	Vomiting, diarrhea; rarely an abnormal heart rhythm.

If your cat chewed one: call right away, even if your cat seems fine

Your vet: _____

ASPCA Animal Poison Control: (888) 426-4435

Nearest emergency vet: _____

Pet Poison Helpline: (855) 764-7661

Both lines are available 24/7. Fees may apply. Take a photo of the plant (or a piece of it) so they know exactly what it was.

Don't induce vomiting unless a vet tells you to.

Cat-safe swaps that grow in Florida

On the ASPCA's non-toxic list for cats. Check the exact species before you buy.

Sun & heat

Scarlet sage (*Salvia coccinea* only, not every salvia), **swamp sunflower**, **coreopsis**: for sunny beds, instead of lantana or periwinkle.

Crapemyrtle or **rigid bottlebrush**: instead of oleander. Skip weeping bottlebrush, which UF/IFAS doesn't recommend.

Shade

Camellia (partial shade): instead of azaleas.

Cast iron plant (filtered or deep shade, not full sun): instead of yesterday, today & tomorrow.

Palm

Christmas palm: instead of sago palm or coontie. Only cold hardy to 30°F.

Yard walk

- ☐ Walk the yard and fence line at cat height. Look up anything you can't identify on the ASPCA plant list.
- ☐ Check for sago palm or coontie, and pick up any fallen seeds.
- ☐ No lilies in indoor bouquets, including the vase water and dropped pollen.
- ☐ Any toxic plant you keep is where your cat can't reach or chew it.
- ☐ Don't burn oleander clippings.
- ☐ Both poison-line numbers are saved in your phone next to your vet's.

This isn't a complete list. When in doubt, look the plant up or call.

We're not vets. General information only; call your vet.

Sources: ASPCA, UF/IFAS, FDA, Pet Poison Helpline.

Full citations at floridacatlifec.com/guides/florida-yard-plants-toxic-to-cats/