Deadly Plants

Today on Gardening in a Minute: deadly plants.

If you think poisonous plants are found only in a witch’s brew, think again. A number of common Florida landscape plants are poisonous and can even be deadly.

Both angel’s trumpet and oleander are widely planted because of their beautiful flowers. But gardeners should know that eating any part of these plants can cause toxic or even deadly effects.

Castor bean has become increasingly popular as an ornamental plant, but it too is dangerous. Eating just three or four of its seeds could kill a person.

Even the widely planted sago can be poisonous or even deadly for pets.

The key is to be aware that there may be poisonous plants in your landscape. If a poisoning is ever suspected, you should contact your poison control center immediately.

For more information about this and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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