

Plant Comparison Charts

Use these charts as a guide to help you choose plants best suited for your lifestyle. If you have kids or pets in your home, be sure to stick with non-toxic varieties. Keep in mind non-toxic plants can still cause allergic reactions in some humans and pets. Before you bring a new plant home, contact your state extension or local poison control office, or the ASPCA® to make sure it's safe for everyone.

Family and Pet Friendly

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House plant	Easy/low maintenance	Best indoor purifier
African violet		
Air plant	✓	
Baby's tears		
Bird's nest fern	✓	
Boston fern	✓	✓
Bromeliads (all varieties)	✓	✓
Cast-iron plant	✓	
Chinese money plant	✓	
Friendship plant		
Gloxinia		
Lipstick plant		
Moth orchid	✓	
Peperomia (all varieties)	✓	
Polka dot plant	✓	
Ponytail palm	✓	
Prayer plant	✓	
Purple waffle plant	✓	✓
Spider plant	✓	✓
Swedish ivy		
Wax plant	✓	✓

TOXIC TO HUMANS, DOGS AND CATS

Note: Toxic effects vary. Contact your state extension or local poison control office for questions.

<i>Houseplant</i>	<i>Easy/low maintenance</i>	<i>Best indoor purifiers</i>
Aloe vera	✓	✓
Areca palm		
Arrowhead plant		
Caladium (elephant ear)		
Chinese evergreen	✓	✓
Chrysanthemum (pot mum)		✓
Dieffenbachia (dumb cane)	✓	
English Ivy		✓
Lilies of many varieties**		
Oleander*		
Peace lily	✓	✓
Pencil cactus		
Philodendron	✓	✓
Pothos (devil's ivy)	✓	✓
Rubber tree		✓
Sago palm		✓
Schefflera (dwarf umbrella tree)	✓	✓
Snake plant (mother-in-law's tongue)	✓	✓
Weeping fig (figus tree)		✓
ZZ plant (aroid palm)	✓	

* Highly toxic – ingesting may cause fatal reactions, especially in children and pets

** Lilies of ALL varieties are toxic to cats

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