

OLEANDERS – TOXIC EVERY TIME

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Oleanders are common ornamental shrubs in the Phoenix metro area. They grow rapidly in the harsh desert environment. However, they are deadly. All parts of these plants, whether dead or alive, are extremely poisonous. Even the smoke from burning oleanders can contain the cardiac glycosides that are so dangerous to all mammals. Please consider carefully before including oleander in landscaping plans – please also consider removing existing plants from your yard. The following link from Purdue University provides additional information.
<http://www.vet.purdue.edu/depts/addl/toxic/plant52.htm>