



Your Information Resource for Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac

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Welcome to the Zanafel Zone! We would like to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving! As always, Zanafel is here to provide you with important information on plant identification, prevention, and treatment.

## Save The Date!

Calling all Tree Care Experts, Landscapers, Gardeners, and Outdoor Enthusiasts: please save the date and plan to join us at the 5th Annual Philadelphia Poison Ivy Conference. The conference will take place **March 14-15, 2017**, at the Philadelphia Horticulture Center. For more information, or to register: <http://www.idontwantpoisonivy.com/conference>



Join us for an in depth discussion of poison ivy including:

- How to positively identify poison ivy plants
- Identification of poison ivy growth patterns through first-hand observation
- What makes the oil of poison ivy, oak and sumac so potent?
- Best tools and methods for poison ivy removal
- Best ways to deal with a poison ivy skin rash
- How to correctly identify poison ivy look alike plants
- Review of books and articles helpful to understanding poison ivy
- The bird and poison ivy connection; Why understanding this dynamic relationship is essential to controlling poison ivy in human landscapes
- New poison ivy terminology (naming newly observed growth formations)

## Collecting Firewood For The Winter

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hairy looking roots in your woodpile, be sure to carefully remove it and the pieces of wood it was touching. The poison ivy toxin, urushiol, stays active in dead poison ivy plant material for about 5 years. Removing wood that has been contaminated with poison ivy can save you from a wintertime case of poison ivy.



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The poison ivy toxin, urushiol, is stable at high temperatures, and the plant particles dispersed in the smoke are both allergenic and irritant. There is at least one case where a person has died from respiratory distress after inhaling the smoke of burning poison ivy. So keep poison ivy out of the fireplace -- your family and neighbors will appreciate it!

Gealt L, Osterhoudt K, Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome After Smoke Inhalation From Burning Poison Ivy. JAMA 1995; 274 (4): 358 - 359

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## **Zanfel's Winter 2017 Schedule of Events**

Please visit us if you attend any of the following events in early 2017:

SiteOne Supplier Summit  
January 4-5, 2017, Florence, IN

SiteOne Supplier Summit  
January 10-11, 2017, Los Angeles, CA

SiteOne Supplier Summit  
January 16-19, 2017, Atlanta, GA

Iowa RV & Sports Show  
January 20-22, 2017, Des Moines, IA

Boy Scouts of America Western Region All Hands Conference  
January 24-27, 2017, Valley Center, CA

NorCal Landscape & Nursery Show  
February 16, 2017, San Mateo, CA

Oregon Logging Conference

February 25-27, 2017, Eugene, OR

Bradley Caldwell Hershey Trade Show  
February 27-March 1, 2017, Hershey, PA

Global Force Symposium and Expo  
March 13 - 15, 2017, Huntsville, AL

Philadelphia Poison Ivy Conference  
March 14-15, 2017, Philadelphia, PA

Iowa Flower, Lawn & Garden Show  
March 17-19, 2017, Des Moines, IA

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