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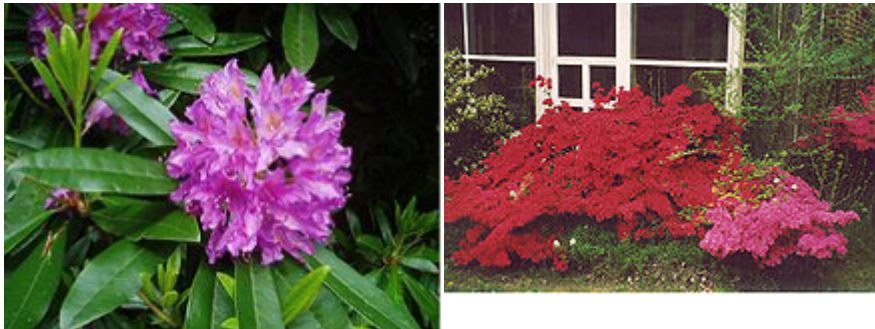
# Rhododendrons and Azaleas

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**Rhododendron and Azaleas (Ericaceae family):** The Rhododendron is a plant which grows as a shrub or tree. It may be evergreen or deciduous. It is best known for its many clusters of large flowers.

**Is it toxic?** Nectar, flowers, fruit, twigs and stems contain grayanotoxins which can cause a burning sensation to the mouth, tongue and throat if swallowed.

## Health Effects:

**Skin:** Possible mild irritation in sensitive people.

**Ingestion:** Small ingestions may cause a burning sensation to mouth, tongue, lips and throat, It may also cause stomach upset. Large ingestions may cause drowsiness and changes to blood pressure and heart rate.

### What to do:

**Skin:** Wash skin with soap and water, and rinse thoroughly

**Ingestion: Do not induce vomiting.** Rinse out mouth and drink a glass of water or milk. Popsicles work well also. **Contact the Poison Control Centre.**

**Need more information:** Call the Poison Control Centre.

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