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the ZANFEL ZONE

Your Information Resource for Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac
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Welcome to the Zanfel Zone! We hope you are having a wonderful fall! As always, Zanfel is here to provide you with important information on plant identification, prevention, and treatment to help get you safely through this season.

Collecting Firewood For The Winter

While collecting firewood for the winter, be sure to inspect the wood pile for the presence of poison ivy vines that may have gotten mixed in. A section of a poison ivy vine may even cling to an individual piece of wood. If you see a vine in with your firewood that has hairy looking roots, be sure to carefully remove it and the pieces of wood it was attached to. Removing wood that has been contaminated with poison ivy can save you from a wintertime case of poison ivy.



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Keep Poison Ivy, Oak & Sumac Out Of Fires

If you dispose of dead leaves and other plant material this fall by burning them, be very careful to keep poison ivy, oak, and

sumac leaves, twigs, and vines out of the fire. The plants' 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 bonfire – 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

Zanfel's Upcoming Events

Please stop by to see us at the Zanfel booth if you'll be at any of these events:

- November 8
Iowa Association of Naturalists Fall Workshop,
Cedar Falls, IA
 - November 9 – 10
Tree Care Industry Expo, Charlotte, NC
 - November 10
Circle Ten Xperience – Boy Scouts of America,
Fort Worth, TX
 - January 9 – 11
Mid Atlantic Nursery Trade Show (MANTS),
Baltimore, MD
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