

# YEW NEED TO KNOW YOUR PLANTS

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*Yew (genus: Taxus) are among the deadliest plants on the planet.*

*Ordinance no. 2016-01 declaring certain plant species as county noxious weeds prohibiting the sale, planting, and possession of yew. For more information please visit: [www.co.blaine.id.us](http://www.co.blaine.id.us)*

**Identification:** *The yew is an Evergreen tree, shrub, or plant. The bark is thin, scaly and reddish brown. Branches can ascend or droop. The needles are long and flat, dark green on top, light green on underside. The poisonous seeds are surrounded by a fleshy red coat.*



(English Yew: *Taxus baccata*)



(Japanese Yew: *Taxus cuspidate*)

**Dangers:** *All parts of the yew, except for the flesh of the berries, contain cardiotoxic taxine alkaloids; death can occur within minutes to days after plant ingestion; keep away from small children, pets and wildlife.*

**Disposal:** *All plant material must be removed and taken to the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station for proper disposal.*