

## DANGERS OF YEW

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 OF YEW

All plant material must be removed and taken to the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station for proper disposal where yew debris is accepted free of charge.

*Please note: proper removal includes all traces of the plant, no matter how small. All main stems, trunks, limbs, leaves, and bark must be collected and delivered separately from all other household yard waste or charges will apply.*

## WHAT CAN YEW DO?

- Check your property for YEW
- Contact Blaine County Noxious Weed Department for identification and any questions
- Be aware of your surroundings and report any possible locations YEW



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# YEW NEED TO KNOW YOUR PLANTS!



**YEW are among the  
deadliest plants on  
the planet!**



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Japanese Yew: (*Taxus cuspidate*)



## YEW Plant Identification

The YEW is an Evergreen tree, shrub, or plant, with a thin, scaly, and reddish-brown colored bark. The branches of the YEW plant can either ascend or droop. The needles are long and flat, dark green on top and light green on the underside. The poisonous seeds are surrounded by a fleshy red coat.

## BLAINE COUNTY YEW ORDINANCE

On February 23, 2016, the Blaine County Commissioners unanimously passed County ordinance number 2016-01, declaring certain plant species as County noxious weeds, thereby prohibiting the sale, planting, and possession of any plant on the County noxious weed list, and allowing for penalties to be imposed for any violations. Plants included on the County noxious weed list include:

- Japanese Yew
- European or English Yew
- Chinese Yew
- Any and all hybrids

This ordinance was enacted in response to the fact that during the 2015-16 winter, foraging wildlife consumed toxic yew plants in residential areas of Blaine County which resulted in the death of at least 20 elk.

The Blaine County Board of Commissioners determined that these highly toxic YEW plants pose an imminent danger to wildlife and a potential danger to pets, livestock, and children.

