

the ZANFEL ZONE

Your Information Resource for Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac

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Welcome to the first issue of the Zanafel Zone! Each year tens of millions of Americans will experience a miserable, itchy rash as a result of contact with poison ivy, poison oak, or poison sumac plants. Zanafel Laboratories is committed to providing education on this very common allergic skin reaction. We hope you enjoy this newsletter and find the articles informative and helpful.

Where in the World Are These Plants?



During the summer months, exposure to poison ivy, oak, and sumac plants cause one of the most common summer time health problems – contact dermatitis. Knowing where these plants grow is just as important as knowing what they look like. Where do these plants grow?

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Identifying Poison Ivy



"Leaves of three, let it be". If only it was that easy! Below are some facts and photos to help you identify Poison Ivy:

Myth: Poison Ivy Rash is Contagious

Poison ivy rash is an allergic reaction to urushiol (the toxin found in poison ivy, oak and sumac plants). Poison ivy is normally contracted by touching the plant or by touching a surface that is contaminated with urushiol (such as garden tools or camping gear). Within minutes of exposure, the urushiol toxin begins to enter the skin.

Myth: The Oozing Fluid From Poison Ivy Blisters Will

"Spread" the Rash

The fluid in the blisters, and any fluid which drains from a poison ivy rash will not spread the rash. This fluid does not contain the Urushiol toxin (the toxin found in poison ivy, oak and sumac).

This is one of the most common questions that people have when they call the Zanafel customer service number, 1-800-401-4002.

Why Does a Poison Ivy, Oak, or Sumac Rash Appear to "Spread"?

One of the most common things you'll hear from a poison ivy sufferer is their rash "Spread" from one area of their body to another. After the 60 minutes following exposure neither scratching, nor oozing fluid, nor skin to skin contact will cause the rash to "Spread" from one area of skin to another.

Why does the rash appear to "spread"?

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