

the ZANFEL ZONE

Your Information Resource for Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac

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Welcome to the Zanafel Zone! Spring is here and poison ivy, oak and sumac have reappeared in our yards, parks, and gardens. We would like to help you be prepared for poison ivy, oak, and sumac season.

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Check Out Zanafel's Newly Updated Distributor Listing

A great way to purchase Zanafel for your business is from one of Zanafel's official distributors. Zanafel's distributors cover the entire US from coast to coast and border to border. Just a few years ago there were only two distributors. Based upon feedback from loyal Zanafel users, now there are over 30. If there is a distributor missing from the list, please let us know. If you have any questions, please contact Dan Boelman at dboelman@zanafel.com

Please click on this link to see a list of Zanafel's current distributors: <http://www.zanafel.com/help/safety.html>

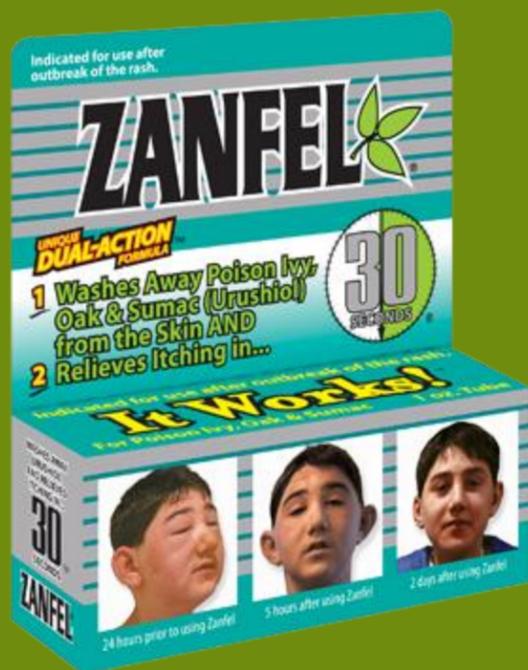
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Working Around Poison Ivy and Poison Oak



Tips for reducing exposures and misery:

1. Plant Identification. In the US there are two species of poison ivy and two species of poison oak. The shape of the plants' leaves can vary widely from one place to the next. Be suspicious of any climbing vine that uses aerial roots to attach to trees. (For free copies of Zanafel's education resources on plant ID, please click on the "Want To Learn More link")
2. Remember that all parts of the plant are toxic. The plants' toxin, urushiol, is an oil that is found not only in

the leaves, but also in the vines, aerial roots, stems, and roots. Running a chainsaw through a poison ivy vine can spray your skin and clothing with the plants' rash inducing oil.

3. It only takes about 60 minutes for urushiol oil to completely absorb into the skin. If exposure is suspected, wash the exposed skin ASAP with soap and water to remove as much unabsorbed urushiol as possible. If it has been more than 60 minutes, the urushiol is already in your skin and "regular" soap and water is no longer effective.

Time of Washing After Exposure	Extent of Removal of Poison Ivy Oil (%)
Immediately	100
10 min	50
15 min	25
30 min	10
60 min	None

4. Rash treatment: Zanafel is the only product clinically shown to remove urushiol from the skin, ANYTIME after outbreak of the rash. For most mild to moderate reactions, the use of Zanafel completely stops the itching, and puts the body in a position to heal the rash. Zanafel allows the poison ivy affected employee to quickly return to work in an itch free and healing state. For severe or systemic cases, Zanafel can be used in conjunction with the steroid prescription.

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Peak Poison Ivy, Oak & Sumac Exposure Season Is Almost Here

The time between Memorial Day and Labor Day is the peak time of the year for exposures to poison ivy, oak, and sumac. Camping, hiking, summer vacations, yard work, and other outdoor activities are all opportunities to tangle with poison ivy.

Please contact us if you have questions about Zanafel Poison Ivy, Oak & Sumac Wash, or about poison ivy in general.

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We'll Tweet helpful information on poison ivy, oak, and sumac throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who has followed us!

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