Your Information Resource for Poison Ivy, Oak and Sumac

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Welcome back to the Zanfel Zone! Spring is here and poison ivy, oak and sumac are poised to reappear in your yard, hiking trail, and garden. We would like to help you be prepared for poison ivy, oak, and sumac season. This newsletter is filled with helpful articles on poison ivy plant identification, prevention, and treatment. We will also continue our series of introductions to the Zanfel team.

Introducing Michelle Bastian

Michelle Bastian is the Administrative Assistant in Zanfel's Clive, Iowa office. Michelle is responsible for organizing and preparing Zanfel for 30+ trade shows each year. She also attends a couple trade shows each year. "I feel fortunate to attend these events, as it's rewarding to hear the attendees share success stories of how Zanfel Poison Ivy Wash has helped them".

In her spare time, Michelle enjoys attending her children's sporting events, being involved at her church, and gardening.

Identifying Poison Ivy and Poison Oak In The Spring

Once the temperature warms up in your part of the country, the poison ivy and poison oak plants'

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leaves will begin to emerge from their buds. The 1370 NW 114th Street, immature leaves start out with a red, waxy appearance. As the leaves grow they turn green.

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Myth: Once allergic, always allergic.

Fact: Allergic responsiveness to poison ivy wanes with age. Many individuals, particularly those with a mild reaction to poison ivy, may lose their responsiveness as they grow older if they stay away from poison ivy contact for years.

Poison Ivy Vines Attack A Tree!

Below are some pictures of a 60 foot tall hickory tree which had died and had to be cut down. This tree was very heavily infested with poison ivy vines. Over time, the poison ivy vines actually produced their own branches, which cover the outside of the tree's trunk and limbs.*

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Be Prepared For Poison Ivy, **Oak & Sumac Season!**

Zanfel has a number of very helpful handouts and posters on poison ivy, oak & sumac plant identification, prevention, decontamination of clothing and equipment, and treatment of the rash.

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