

DANGER

Poison Hemlock (*Conium maculatum*):

This non-native invasive plant is among the most deadly plants in North America and is currently found throughout Chester County and Pennsylvania. Heavy infestations are now easy to see with flowering plants reaching their maximum height for the season. Poison hemlock can be confused with Queen Anne's lace, as well as other members of the parsley family. **DO NOT PICK OR TOUCH even if you think it is safe!**

Eating the plant is the biggest danger, **but it is also toxic to the skin and respiratory system.** If ingested by people or animals, symptoms appear within 20 minutes to three hours.

Typical symptoms in humans include:

- Dilation of the pupils
- Dizziness and trembling
- Slowing heartbeat
- Paralysis of the central nervous system
- Muscle paralysis
- Death due to respiratory failure**

Seek Medical Help Immediately if you have any of the symptoms.



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Queen Anne's Lace