

First Aid for Poison Ivy

Signs of poison ivy include: a rash, blistering, swelling, burning or itching

1. Remove any contaminated clothing
2. Wash affected area of skin thoroughly with soap and water to remove any poisonous residue. Be sure water used to clean the area does not spread poison by running over other parts of the body. Using a washcloth could also spread the poison
3. Rinse the area with rubbing alcohol
4. Apply calamine lotion to the area to relieve itching and burning

If the victim develops a fever for several days or experiences an excessive amount of inflammation, irritation, oozing or itching, he/she should be treated by a doctor.