



Mold Clean Up

Six Steps to get rid of mold you see in your home

- 1. Find and fix the water problem** – This is the most important step
- 2. Dry anything that is wet**
 - Start as soon as possible
 - Move wet items away from walls and off floors
 - For larger problems, use fans and dehumidifiers
- 3. Get rid of moldy items**
 - Cover with plastic and throw out
 - ◆ Moldy clothes, fabric covered furniture, drywall, insulation, plaster, carpet/carpet pad, ceiling tiles, wood products (other than solid wood) and paper products
 - ◆ If sewage has been in the house, throw all items out
 - Protect yourself and others
 - ◆ During mold clean up, wear:
 - ✓ Long sleeves and long pants – put directly in laundry after use
 - ✓ Rubber gloves
 - ✓ Eye goggles
 - ✓ N-95 rated “dust” mask available at hardware store
 - ✓ If anyone in the home has asthma or a chronic disease – do cleanup when they are out of the house
- 4. Clean solid surfaces**
 - Scrub all moldy surfaces using a stiff brush, hot water and a non-ammonia soap or detergent
 - Collect excess cleaning liquid with a mop, sponge, or wet/dry vacuum
 - Rinse area with clean water and remove rinse water
- 5. Disinfect surfaces (if desired)**
 - Mix ½ cup bleach per gallon of water
 - Spray, sponge or wash moldy areas
 - Allow to sit on the surface for 15 minutes
 - Collect any remaining bleach solution with a sponge, or mop, or wet/dry vacuum

Do NOT mix Bleach with Ammonia
- 6. Be on MOLD ALERT!**
 - Keep looking for signs of moisture problems
 - Fix moisture problems
 - Look for return of mold growth
 - Clean up as soon as you see mold

When can we rebuild?

You can rebuild if the moisture problem is fixed, all mold is cleaned up, and everything is dry.