

POST-FLOOD MOLD PREVENTION TIPS

MOLD CAN START GROWING WITHIN 24-48 HOURS AFTER A FLOOD

1. DRY OUT THE HOME AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

- Use fans, dehumidifiers, and open windows (if no rains or high humidity).
- Rent air scrubbers or industrial dehumidifiers if needed

2. REMOVE WET MATERIALS

- Pull out wet drywall, carpet and padding, insulation, etc. and discard in plastic bags
- Remove drywall at least 12" past saturated material
- Sort belongings and furnishings and throw away anything you cannot clean and dry.
- Empty wet cabinets and closets, discard all unsalvageable materials

3. CLEAN AND DISINFECT ALL SURFACES

- Scrub hard surfaces with detergent and water
- Disinfect with a bleach solution (1 cup bleach per 1 gallon water).
- Let all surfaces dry thoroughly

4. CHECK FOR HIDDEN MOISTURE

- Consult a Professional to assist with Moisture Meters and Thermal Imaging Cameras
- Mold can hide behind walls, under floors, or in insulation

5. DRY AND CLEAN HVAC SYSTEM

- Replace all filters that have become wet
- Clean out ducts and drain lines
- Consult a reputable HVAC company if severely flood damaged

6. WATCH FOR SIGNS OF VISIBLE MOLD AND MILDEW

(Remember Not all Mold is Visible)

- Musty odors
- Stains or discoloration
- Worsening allergy symptoms or headaches inside the living space

7. DOCUMENT CLEANUP

- Take photos and video of damage and cleanup steps
- Save all receipts for equipment, repairs, and services

**Call a Licensed Mold Assessment Consultant or Technician with
ALL Questions or Concerns**

Expert guidance now can help prevent hidden damage and costly repairs later.

***For more resources, visit: EPA Mold Guide and EPA Flooded Homes Guide
www.epa.gov/mold and www.epa.gov/flooded-homes***



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