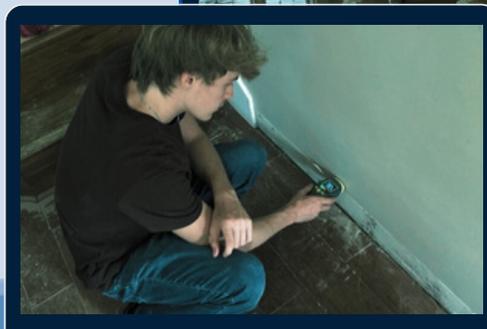


What to Do If You Suspect Mold in Your Home or Crawlspace

Fast action is essential



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What to Do First If You Suspect Mold

Simple steps to protect your home and health

You're Not Alone — And You're Not Overreacting

Finding possible mold in your home can feel overwhelming.

The good news? Acting early makes a huge difference.

This guide was created to help homeowners understand:

- What mold looks and smells like
- What to do (and not to do)
- When it's time to call a professional

You don't need to panic — you just need a plan.



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WHAT IS MOLD & WHY IT MATTERS

What is Mold?

Mold is a type of fungus that grows in damp, humid environments.

It spreads through tiny airborne spores and can begin growing within 24–48 hours after moisture appears.

Why Mold Shouldn't Be Ignored

Left untreated, mold can:

- Damage drywall, flooring, and wood
- Spread behind walls and under floors
- Affect indoor air quality and health

Early action = less damage and lower costs.



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COMMON SIGNS OF MOLD

Signs You May Have Mold in Your Home

- Musty or earthy odors
- Visible black, green, or white spots
- Peeling paint or warped materials
- Recent water damage or leaks
- Increased allergy or respiratory symptoms



Crawlspace Warning Signs

- Standing water or damp soil
- Condensation on pipes or wood
- Sagging insulation
- Strong odors entering the home

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What to do first

If You Suspect Mold, Do This First:

- ✓ Avoid disturbing the area
- ✓ Keep doors closed if possible
- ✓ Turn off HVAC systems near the area
- ✓ Take photos for documentation
- ✓ Note any recent leaks or flooding



**These steps help prevent
mold spores from spreading.**

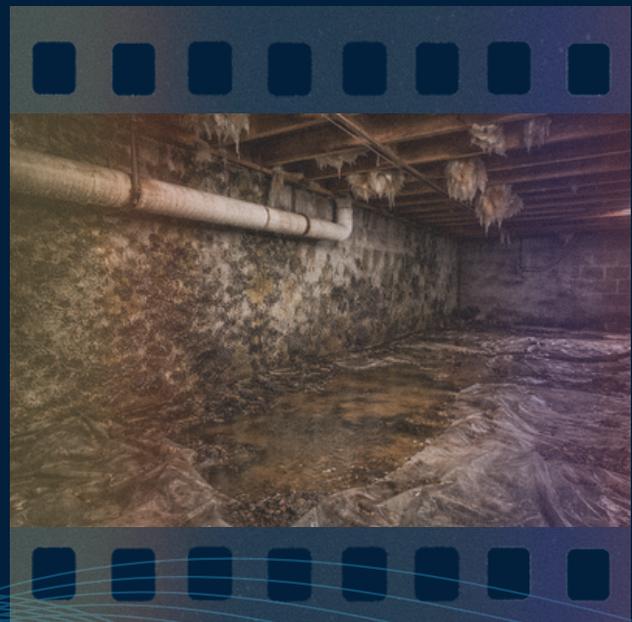
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What not to do

Avoid These Common Mistakes:

- X** Scrubbing visible mold with household cleaners
- X** Using fans to “dry it out”
- X** Ignoring crawlspace moisture
- X** Painting over mold
- X** Waiting too long to act



DIY cleanup often spreads mold instead of removing it.

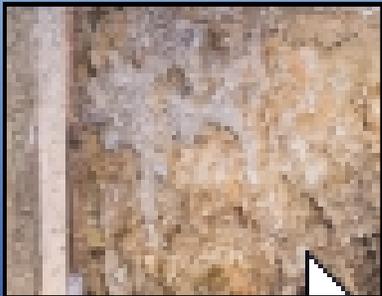
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When to call a mold remediation company

Certified professionals can safely locate, contain, and remove mold.

You should contact a mold professional if:



Mold covers more than a small area



The smell persists without visible mold



Mold is in walls, ceilings, or crawlspaces



There was flooding or sewage backup

Think you might have mold?

Don't wait for it to spread!



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HOW PROFESSIONAL MOLD REMEDIATION WORKS

What to Expect from a Professional mold inspection

- Moisture detection and inspection
- Containment of affected areas
- Safe removal of mold-damaged materials
- Air filtration and drying
- Recommendations to prevent return

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PREVENTING MOLD GOING FORWARD

Simple Mold Prevention Tips

-  Fix leaks promptly
-  Use dehumidifiers in damp areas
-  Improve crawlspace ventilation
-  Ensure proper drainage around your home
-  Schedule inspections after water damage



**Prevention is always easier
than remediation.**

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is all mold dangerous?

Not all mold is considered “toxic,” but any mold growing inside a home should be taken seriously. Mold can spread quickly and may affect indoor air quality, even in small amounts.

Can I test mold myself?

DIY mold tests often create more confusion than answers. They may confirm mold is present but don’t explain where it’s coming from or how to stop it. A professional evaluation provides clearer, more reliable information.

Will insurance cover mold?

Mold coverage depends on the cause of the moisture. Mold resulting from sudden events like burst pipes or storm damage is more likely to be covered than long-term leaks or neglect. We can help guide you through next steps.

How fast does mold grow?

Mold can begin growing within 24–48 hours after moisture appears. That’s why quick action after leaks, flooding, or humidity issues is so important.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it safe to stay in my home if I have mold?

In many cases, homeowners can safely remain in their home, especially if the mold is limited and contained. A professional inspection can help determine the safest approach for your situation.

Can I just clean mold with bleach?

Household cleaners and bleach may remove surface stains, but they often don't address the underlying moisture problem and can allow mold to return. Improper cleaning can also spread spores.

What areas of the home are most at risk?

Mold commonly appears in:

- Bathrooms and kitchens
- Basements
- Crawlspace
- Behind walls after water damage
- Around windows, HVAC systems, and plumbing

When should I call a professional?

If mold keeps returning, covers more than a small area, or follows water damage, it's best to call a professional. Early inspections often prevent bigger, more costly problems later.

If you're unsure about what you're seeing, it's always okay to ask for help. Early guidance can save time, money, and stress.



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