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# What to do about **MOLD**



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**If you have experienced mold growth in your home due to recent flooding:**



**Locate areas of mold growth. You do not need to test for the type of mold. Mold is often textured, appears in a wide range of colors including white, black, yellow, gray, brown and green, and is often found near other signs of excess moisture, including condensation, water marks and stains.**



**Dry out all wet areas using fans and dehumidifiers and move wet items off of floors and away from walls.**



**When handling mold, wear gloves, a facemask, eye protection and clothing that can be thrown away. Make sure that the cleaning area is well ventilated.**



**Dispose of all materials damaged by mold that have absorbed water and/or cannot be cleaned.**



**Clean any non-porous surfaces and materials (hard plastic, concrete, glass, metal) with hot water and a cleaner that does not contain ammonia.**



**Disinfect with a solution of  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of bleach per gallon of water. Let the surfaces dry without rinsing. (Never mix bleach with products containing ammonia. The fumes this creates are toxic!)**

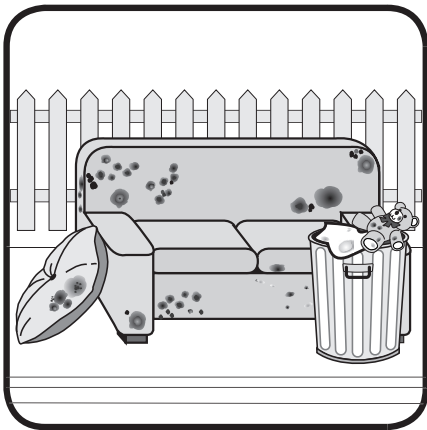


**Once all mold has been removed, remain alert for its return. Make sure that the cleaned areas remain dry and protected from future water damage.**

**If you have questions or would like more information on mold and other environmental issues, contact Rhonda Martin at the Department of Environmental Services at (603)271-3911.**

# Get Rid of Mold

After a flood, mold will grow in your house. It can make you sick. You will need to clean your house.



Take things that were wet for 2 or more days outside.

Things that stayed wet for 2 days have mold growing on them even if you can't see it.

Take out stuff made of cloth, unless you can wash them in **hot** water. Also take out stuff that can't be cleaned easily (like leather, paper, wood, and carpet).

Use bleach to clean mold off hard things (like floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates, and tools).

Follow these steps:

- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles, and N-95 mask.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.
- Mix 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water.
- Wash the item with the bleach and water mixture.
- If the surface of the item is rough, scrub the surface with a stiff brush.
- Rinse the item with clean water.
- Dry the item or leave it out to dry.

