

MOLD CLEANUP

After water damage, mold can grow in your home within 24 to 48 hours. Mold can make you sick, so take these steps to deal with it.



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Open windows and doors before using bleach to clean mold off of items.

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Wear rubber boots, gloves, goggles, and a tight-sealing mask preferably an N-95 mask. A painter's mask or dust mask is NOT enough protection.



Materials You Will Need

- Buckets and trash bags
- Scrub brush, sponges, rags
- Gloves (latex/rubber)
- Tight-sealing mask/N-95 mask
- Broom, mop, wet-dry vacuum
- Regular household bleach

Important Tips

- When in doubt throw it out, especially items that have been wet more than 48 hours.
- Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners. This will release toxic fumes.
- Wear protective clothing and wash your hands before doing other activities to protect against hazardous substances carried by flood water.

Pregnant women, children and anyone with respiratory problems SHOULD NOT clean up mold.



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Mix 1 cup of household bleach with 1 gallon of water.

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Prewash surface with clear water then wipe, mop or scrub items with bleach and water solution.

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Let the bleach and water solution sit on the surface for at least 5 minutes.

6

Rinse surface with clear water and allow to dry. Discard your mask and gloves after use.

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Allow wet areas to dry completely (usually 2-3 days) before rebuilding or replacing damaged items.

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Repeat steps 1-6 as needed and monitor treated materials for several days.

* According to New Jersey Department of Health and The Center for Disease Control.