



Stamp Out Mold in Your Home

Mold in your home can be destructive to your home, health and belongings. Controlling moisture in your home will reduce mold and the destruction it causes.

Mold can trigger irritations, allergies and asthma, especially in young children, elderly, pregnant women and people who are already sick. It can cause permanent and expensive damage to walls, window frames, carpets, clothes and furniture.

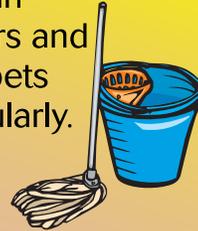
Mold grows on damp surfaces in your home. Mold spores are always present in the air and the right conditions allow them to grow. Mold growth can be black, brown or white and looks like a furry stain. Keeping your home clean and dry will prevent mold growth.

What you can do to
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in your home:

Scrub and dry signs of mold.



Clean floors and carpets regularly.



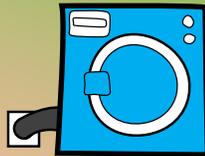
Repair leaks in pipes and windows.



Leave wet shoes and boots outside.



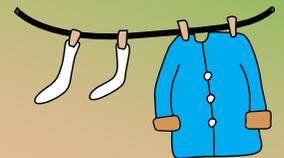
Vent dryer to outside.



Store firewood outside.



Dry clothes outside.



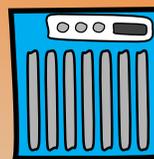
Run bathroom and kitchen fans.



Keep heating vents open.



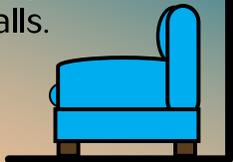
Use a dehumidifier.



Do not use kerosene heaters inside.



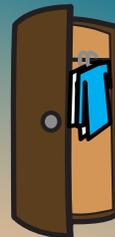
Move furniture away from walls.



Open curtains during the day.



Allow airflow in closets.



Cover cooking pots.



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