

Mold Prevention

There is no practical way for you to eliminate all the molds and mold spores in the indoor environment. But there are many ways to help control moisture and mold growth in your home.

1

STOP THE WATER



- Fix leaks in pipes, and any damp areas around tubs and sinks, so that biological pollutants don't have growing environments.

- Rebuild, or retrofit, with water-resistant building materials such as tiles, stone, deep-sealed concrete, galvanized or stainless steel hardware, indoor/outdoor carpeting, waterproof wallboard, water resistant glues, and so on.

* Prevent seepage of water from outdoors into your house. Rain water from gutters or the roof needs to drain away from the house. Ground around the house needs to slope away to keep basement and crawlspace dry.

- Cover dirt in crawlspaces with plastic to prevent moisture from coming from the ground. Ventilate the area as much as possible.

2

KEEP IT DRY



- Reduce the moisture in the air with dehumidifiers, fans and open windows or air conditioners, especially in the hot weather. Do **NOT** use fans if mold may already exist.

- Try to keep the humidity in your home below 55%.

- In moisture prone areas, choose carpets of man-made fibers or install hard surface flooring, like LVT or tile.

- Reduce potential for condensation on cold surfaces by insulating.

3

KEEP IT CLEAN



- Clean fabrics often and keep them dry. Solid promotes mildew growth. Store clean fabric items in well ventilated areas.

- Consider having air ducts cleaned if you suspect mold exists on the duct's inside surface, or if duct insulation has been wet.

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DISINFECT IT



- Routinely check potential problems spots (eg. Bathroom, laundry, mechanical room, etc) for moldy odors and disinfect often with a biocide solution or with a commercial disinfectant/mold cleaner.

*When you can't deal with it.
Deal with the professionals.*



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