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# CLEANING MOLD AFTER A FLOOD



Here's how to get rid of mold when your home has been hit by a disaster:

- 1. Wear protective gear.** Gloves, goggles, pants, a long-sleeved shirt and a respirator rated N95 or higher are recommended to avoid breathing or touching spores.
- 2. If your insurance covers mold damages or cleanup costs, take photographs before cleaning up.**
- 3. Seal off moldy areas.** Cleaning up mold can cause a large release of spores into the air. Open windows, turn off the AC and tape plastic over air grilles to prevent their spread.
- 4. Remove moldy, porous materials.** These include:
  - Carpeting
  - Upholstery
  - Fabrics
  - Mattresses
- 5. Clean and disinfect nonporous materials.** Follow label directions and warnings, wear rubber gloves, and *never mix cleaning materials. Don't use bleach in the air conditioning system or with ammonia or acids.* Use a solution of ½-1 cup chlorine bleach per gallon of water on colorfast, nonmetal surfaces. Use alcohols and hydrogen peroxide on materials that may potentially be damaged by bleach.
- 6. Air out your home.** Use fans in windows to pull spores out.
- 7. Dry all wet materials as quickly as possible.** Close windows, turn on the AC and fans, and use a dehumidifier. If your home is without power, keep windows open.

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