

TIPS FOR CLEANING MOLD

To keep mold at bay and minimize health risks, you can clean moldy surfaces with standard household cleaners. You will need:



RUBBER GLOVES



FACE MASK



SCRUB BRUSH

Scrub the affected areas with a mixture of dish soap and water OR a mixture of one part bleach to one part water.



DO NOT MIX HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS!

SAFE HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT.

When the state fails to keep us safe from predatory landlords, our only option is to **ORGANIZE TOGETHER AS TENANTS.**

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GOT MOLD IN YOUR HOME?



**HOW TO IDENTIFY
MOLD**



**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS
AS A TENANT**

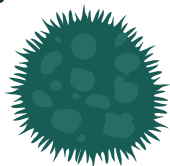


**LEARN HOW TO KEEP
YOUR HOUSEHOLD SAFE**

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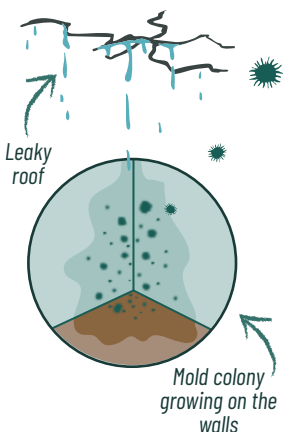
HOW DOES MOLD GET INTO YOUR HOME?

Mold spores are everywhere in the environment. They usually aren't a problem, unless...



MOLD SPORE
(Not visible to the naked eye)

...they land on an area in your home that is **constantly damp**, like from a hole in the roof, leaky pipes, or flood damage that was never properly cleaned.



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Chronic mold issues are the tenant's fault for not cleaning enough.

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Chronic mold issues expose deeper problems of landlord neglect that are beyond a tenant's responsibilities.

IDENTIFYING HOUSEHOLD MOLD

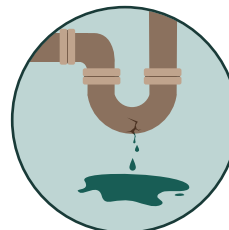
Black, dark green, or gray splotches growing on furniture, carpet, or the walls of your house mean **you've got MOLD**.

Mold likes to grow in poorly ventilated areas: behind furniture, closets, attics, or unventilated bathrooms, for example.

Just because you can't see it, doesn't mean the mold isn't there.

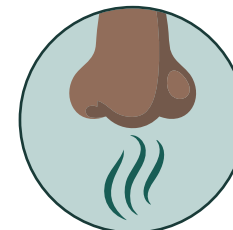
Mold also grows behind drywall, wallpaper, or tiles. Know these other signs:

MOISTURE



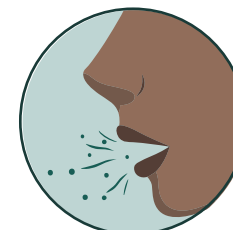
Constantly **damp** areas or **leaky pipes**

SMELL



Lingering **musty, sour, or earthy odors**

ALLERGIES



Allergic reactions that are worse in the house

THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF MOLD

Mold exposure can affect different people within the same household in different ways. **Some people, especially children, can be extremely sensitive to mold.**

If you have a mold allergy, you might be experiencing:

ITCHY EYES

SNEEZING & RUNNY NOSE

ITCHY THROAT

SKIN RASH

Children living in a house with high visible mold contamination are up to

7X MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP ASTHMA

If you can get them, air purifiers and dehumidifiers help mitigate mold and alleviate allergic reactions in your house.

