

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.



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



2 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

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

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.



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

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

5 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.

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

7 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.

For more information on how to clean items affected by mold visit:

http://www.state.nj.us/health/ien/mold_links.shtml