

RX PRESCRIPTION FOR PREVENTION



Mold

Mold can trigger asthma and allergy symptoms. Mold depends on moisture to grow. Take steps to prevent mold and have a healthier home!



- ✓ Reduce moisture and increase ventilation (air flow): Open windows slightly when showering, use exhaust fans.
- ✓ Fix water leaks: report water leaks to your landlord.
- ✓ If you see mold:
 - Eliminate the source of moisture/water first.
 - Scrub mold from hard surfaces with soap and water. Dry completely. Avoid using bleach (unless you are cleaning sewage).
 - Do not paint over mold.
 - Discard moldy objects (like carpets).
- ✓ After a flood or water leak: remove wet items and dry the area within 48 hours.
- ✓ Large amount of mold? Hire a professional mold abatement company. If you rent, report mold problems to your landlord. If conditions are not fixed, ask your local building department or code enforcement official to inspect your home for water damage or leaks. NYC residents can call 311.

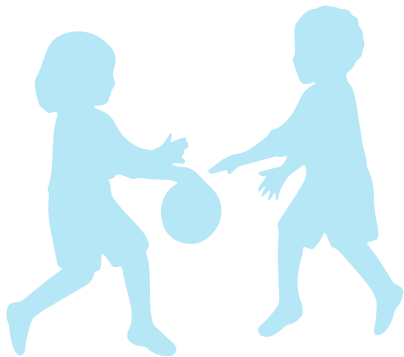
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- ✓ Want to learn more about identifying and eliminating mold? Visit: www.epa.gov/mold
- ✓ For more information visit: nyscheck.org/rx



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