



Mold

Did you know?

Mold depends on moisture to grow. Mold can trigger asthma and allergy symptoms.

Action Plan

- Reduce moisture and increase ventilation (airflow): open windows slightly when showering, use exhaust fans.
- Fix water leaks. Renters, report 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.
- If mold covers over 3ft x 3ft, hire a professional mold abatement company. If you rent, report mold 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.

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Resources

To learn more about identifying and getting rid of mold, visit [epa.gov/mold](https://www.epa.gov/mold)

For information about mold from the Erie County Department of Health, visit erie.gov/health, search "Mold and Moisture," and select the first link.

To rent supplies from the Tool Library to help keep your home clean, visit thetoollibrary.org/tools

To find a local mold contactor, visit ny.gov, search "Licensed Mold Contractors Search Tool," and select the first link.

For more information, visit: nyscheck.org/rxs

