



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. For Syracuse residents: call the Syracuse Codes Enforcement Office at (315) 448-8695.

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Resources

Learn more about identifying and getting rid of mold: [epa.gov/mold](https://www.epa.gov/mold)

For Renters: If you have mold in your home, first clean it using the Action Plan steps and ask your landlord to fix the source of the water leak. If your landlord does not repair the issue, call your local building department or code enforcement official. Syracuse residents can call the Syracuse Codes Enforcement Office at (315) 448-8695.

For more information, visit: nyscheck.org/rxs

