

CLEANING MOLD & MILDEW

Mold and mildew spores can quickly grow following a storm, flood, or hurricane. Mold and mildew can cause major damage to your home. The spores can cause an allergic reaction and trigger asthma if inhaled.

EFFECTIVELY CLEANING MOLD AND MILDEW

- **Clean, disinfect, and dry affected areas.** Use soap or detergent with hot water to scrub contaminated areas. Remember to always use non-ammonia soap; ammonia and bleach create toxic fumes.
- **Put moldy materials in a bag and throw them away.** This includes rags, paper, leaves, and debris. You can keep hard-surfaced materials once they are cleaned and disinfected.
- **Use a stiff brush on brick and concrete walls.** Rinse with clean water. After cleaning, apply a solution of one cup of household bleach per one gallon of water. Allow to air dry.
- **Ventilate the area well** before, during, and after entering the work area.
- **Turn off utilities.**
- **Wear protective clothings while cleaning.** This includes a paper mask, coveralls, waterproof gloves, and goggles.
- **Clean yourself** with disinfectant soap when you are finished cleaning.
- **Call a licensed contractor** if wall interiors and sub-flooring seem to be the source of mold or mildew.

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