After the Storm—Mold and Moisture

What can I do to prevent mold growth after the flood waters are gone?

A guide for residents

**Identify**

- Identify sources of moisture.
  - Dampness encourages the growth of bacteria and fungi.

**Eliminate**

- Eliminate other sources of water.
  - Pay close attention to fiberglass insulation, drywall, carpet, ceiling tiles, wallpaper, paint, wood furniture, and fabrics/clothing.

**Dry**

- Dry it out!
  - Direct the breeze so that it will dry the carpet, but will not raise dust.

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Know what to look for:
- Visible mold (of all colors)
- Wet spots
- Areas with a history of leaks
- Condensation (water droplets)
- Poor drainage
- Standing water
- Musty smells

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Know your health risk related to cleaning up mold, especially in cleaning large moldy spaces. Hire professional cleanup crews if your risk factors prevent you from entering storm-damaged areas.

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