

# 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.

#### 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

### *Eliminate*

Eliminate other sources of water.

#### Remove items that are not drying.

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.



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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