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*Protect your
family from
the health
hazards of
mold!*

Mold - The Hidden Health Hazard

Is Your Home Suffering...

Mold is made up of microscopic organisms that can be found everywhere - inside and out - some of them are good (such as penicillin) but many of them can be extremely toxic to your health.

Mold can grow on any organic surface:

- ⇒ Wallpaper
- ⇒ Ceiling tiles
- ⇒ Carpeting
- ⇒ Drywall
- ⇒ Wood

In other words—if it can rot it can mold!

Mold thrives in dark, warm, moist locations - often proving difficult to spot - hiding behind walls, under surfaces, in nooks and crannies where visibility is almost nil.

Since it's a living fungus it actually consumes its host - for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so to speak. Your walls, curtains, carpet, etc actually provide the nutritional source for life and growth.

During this process the mold produces organic compounds that are released into the air. It's these compounds that are responsible for creating that musty smell so many homes have.

So How Do You Know If You Have Mold...

Some of the most common indicators/causes that mean you could be suffering from a mold infestation are:

- ⇒ you had/have a plumbing leak
- ⇒ you've experienced recent flooding
- ⇒ you had/have a leaky roof
- ⇒ peeling, bubbling, discolored paint
- ⇒ swelling in the walls or ceiling
- ⇒ your bathroom stays moist for long periods of time
- ⇒ recurrent mold in the bathroom, especially in tub and/or shower areas
- ⇒ there's an unexplainable musty smell in your house
- ⇒ you live in a high humidity area

Wait... There's More!

Your health may also indicate mold issues. If you find yourself suffering from some or all of the following persistent symptoms - you may have yourself a mold problem:

- ⇒ runny nose
- ⇒ watery eyes
- ⇒ sneezing and coughing
- ⇒ dizziness

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Persistent health issues could mean your home is suffering from a mold infestation...

- ⇒ headaches
- ⇒ skin rash
- ⇒ throat irritation
- ⇒ repeated asthma attacks

If the above symptoms disappear when you're away from home chances are good that you have a problem with mold. Asthmatics, infants, small children and individuals suffering from immune system deficiencies are particularly susceptible to the toxic effects of mold.

Keeping Mold At Bay...

Mold can be unsightly, smell unpleasant, and be dangerous to your health but there are a few things you can do to reduce the chance for mold's survival in your home, particularly your bathroom.

- ⇒ Mold thrives in a sealed-in, humid environment so try to keep your home well aired, open windows, use fans where ever needed, use a dehumidifier if humidity is a real problem

- ⇒ Mold thrives in dark areas so use lights, UV lights would be particularly effective here
- ⇒ Keep surfaces dry - mop up any leaks or spills ASAP, use some sort of heat source to help dry out areas that are particularly wet or have soaked up water
- ⇒ Use mold resistant paint in moist areas of your home - particularly in the bathroom and kitchen

Next month we'll discuss how you can effectively rid your home of mold without damaging your health.

Upcoming Topics

- ⇒ Rid Your Home of Mold
- ⇒ Keeping a Dry Basement
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