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With help from D4 Construction

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*Be sure to wear protective gear when clearing away mold of any kind!*

## Help! I've Got Mold

### How do I get rid of it?

Removing mold from your home can be a tricky procedure - do it wrong and you risk releasing mold spores into the air creating or making your health issues even worse.

If you or someone in your family suffers from allergies, asthma or a weak immune system it's probably a better idea to let someone else do the clean up for you. If it's impossible for you to get anyone else to do the task be sure to purchase, and use, a good quality respirator mask and goggles to protect yourself.

### What can I do?

The most common solution used to cure mold is scrubbing it down with Chlorine Bleach - but here's a little known fact—

⇒ It's actually worse than useless to bleach out mold. Bleach simply puts the mold into a dormant state for a while - when it wakes up it comes back with a vengeance, multiplying wildly, leaving you with a worse problem than you started with.

### So, what can I do instead?

Your first step in your war against mold will be to arm yourself with a mask and eye protection to prevent giving yourself a heavy dose of mold spores while you're cleaning. Once you're well protected you're ready to get started:

⇒ Scrape away, or remove, as much surface mold as possible

⇒ Wash the afflicted area several times with soap and water, followed by a commercial mildew remover/cleaner (you can find some "Green" mold killing products at <http://www.igotmold.net/category/natural-mold-killers>)

⇒ Depending on the level of the mold problem you may need to replace any damaged surfaces—anything you can't completely clean or any surface that repeatedly suffers from mold

Unless you totally clean up the damaged area you'll find yourself dealing with mold issues over and over again.

### It keeps coming back, now what?

⇒ If you find yourself stuck with a large area of mold that just keeps coming back despite your best cleaning efforts—it's time to call in the experts.

⇒ If you have a large area of mold that's beyond your abilities— it's time to call in the experts.

⇒ If you have an area of mold hiding in a place that's impossible for you to effectively clean up — it's time to call in the experts.

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*There are plenty of eco-friendly & effective “Green” mold killers available today ...*

### **There's more you can do...**

Calling in the experts should fix your mold problem, but unless you correct the moisture or high humidity problem, your repair job won't last long.

If you don't deal with the cause you're going to find your mold problems returning, possibly even worse than the first time.

### **Here's a 5 step clean up process...**

- ⇒ Use a mold test kit (found at most hardware stores) to find out what type of mold you have—if you have black mold you'll need to call in the experts as this type of mold can be very persistent and extremely toxic
- ⇒ Remove the source of the mold—any moisture or humidity problems—make any repairs necessary
- ⇒ Scrub away the mold using the product you purchased for the purpose (remember to wear protective gear to prevent any health issues from the toxic mold spores)

- ⇒ Install any necessary equipment to keep your home dry and healthy
- ⇒ Help prevent mold by performing a regular moisture and humidity check throughout your home, be sure you're not storing wood, cloth, paper or other porous material in your basement or other damp place

Mold is no laughing matter. If you have a mold problem in your home you need to take care of it...

**TODAY!**

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**D3** — If you aren't satisfied with the finished product we'll fix it for free.

**D4**— All work comes with a 2-year guarantee on workmanship

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