

Mold and Mildew

Preventing growth and cleaning your rental

Beware of moisture:

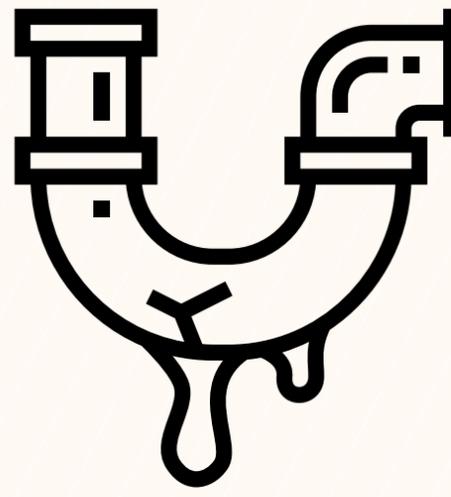
Mold spores are everywhere in our environment and do not cause a problem until they attach to moist surfaces and begin to grow!

Keep your home dry to keep mold away!



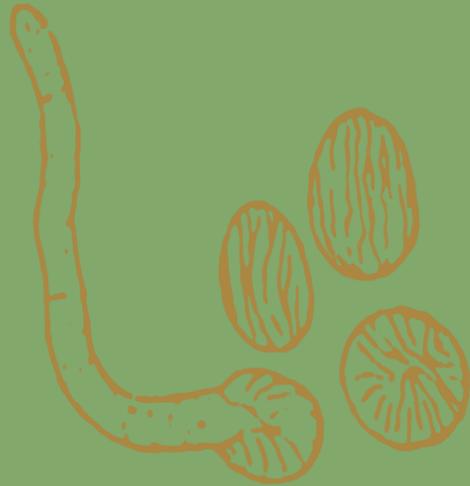
Take care of leaks and keep humidity low:

Keep your home mold free by keeping it dry. If you find a leak in your rental contact your landlord immediately to get it fixed! Open windows to circulate air, and always use exhaust fans in your kitchen and bathroom!



Health risks from mold:

Molds produce allergens and irritants that can result in allergic reactions and asthma attacks in sensitive individuals or hay fever like symptoms in the general population. Some molds can produce mycotoxins that result in rare diseases.



Mold Cleaning/Removal:

- Mold can be scrubbed off hard surfaces using household cleaners, soap and water, or a bleach solution (with no more than 1 cup of bleach per gallon of water).
- Mold in sheetrock, furniture, carpets and other porous surfaces must be treated by a professional.
- Any wet rugs or carpets that are not dried within 24-48 hours should be replaced.



Be safe while cleaning:

- Wear rubber gloves, goggles and masks!
- Open windows and doors for air flow.
- Never mix bleach with other cleaning products!



For more information visit www.epa.gov/mold
www.cdc.gov/mold
or contact the Gallatin County Health Department with questions