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Mold Prevention Tips

Most homeowners dread the thought of having to deal with a mold problem, but by practicing some simple prevention tips, you can greatly reduce your mold risks.

Tips for Mold Prevention

The key to mold prevention is moisture control. When excessive amounts of moisture accumulate indoors, mold growth occurs if the problem is not corrected quickly and properly. While it is impossible to eliminate all molds and spores from the air, it **is** possible to control indoor moisture, and therefore curb mold growth in your home.



Safety First

Pinpoint areas where leaks have occurred in the past and identify the cause of the leak. Then, take preventative measures to ensure that they do not occur again.

Here are some mold prevention recommendations:

- Be on the lookout for condensation and wet spots in your home and fix the source(s) of the moisture as soon as possible.
- Repair plumbing leaks as soon as possible.
- Water leaks and spills should be cleaned and dried out within 24 to 48 hours.
- Prevent moisture build-up from condensation by increasing the temperature by adding insulation or air circulation in your home. Also reduce the humidity in the air by repairing leaks, increasing ventilation (if outside air is cold and dry) or dehumidifying (if outside air is hot and humid).
- Keep air conditioning, heating system and dehumidifier drip pans empty, flowing properly and unobstructed.
- Maintain an indoor humidity level below 70 percent.
- Vent moisture-generating appliances such as clothes dryers outside, if possible.
- Vent your kitchen and bathrooms when cooking and bathing using exhaust fans.

We're here to help you protect your assets. For additional loss prevention tips for your home, contact us today!

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