



COMMON MOLD

MISCONCEPTIONS ANSWERED

You may have noticed potential mold damage at your property. Yes, those discolored ceiling tiles or blackened areas in your basement or attic are unsightly, but mold damage can also affect the health of your family, your possessions and the structure itself. In fact, mold spores can cause allergic reactions, asthma attacks, chronic sinus problems, poisoning by mycotoxins and fungal infections.

Mold and mildew build up over time in damp areas. They are naturally occurring microorganisms that exist everywhere in our environment. But when the amount of mold in your home exceeds normal levels, it's no time for second best. The mold remediation experts at Paul Davis are here to help answer common misconceptions you may have.

When to Call the Pros

- 24/7 emergency response - We will be on site and ready to help within hours
- Prompt mold infiltration assessment from trained professionals
- Follow all state and local laws and guidelines
- Industrial-grade water extractors, dehumidifiers, air movers and other equipment used to efficiently remove excess water
- Efficient containment of affected area and removal of contaminated materials
- Cleaning of contents and other personal possessions
- Application of disinfectants and antimicrobials used to help prevent future mold growth
- Sanitation, deodorization and air purification

Common Misconceptions

"Bleach kills mold!"

- Bleach is only effective for non-porous surfaces
- Often more dangerous than mold itself
- "Dead" mold is still toxigenic! You need to remove the spores
- Bleached areas can become white and make mold difficult to detect

"Basement waterproofing paints is an answer to mold on basement block walls"

- Most common brands are not mold resistant, just a waterproofing agent or stain blocker
- They can become a food source for mold

"I put a fan on the moldy spot and a dehumidifier in the moldy area"

- This may do more harm than good - mold spores travel and often reproduce by becoming airborne and landing on other damp areas

"It isn't black mold, so it's no big deal"

- According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the color of the mold is not really an indicator for the type of mold. There are hundreds of types, all varying in color. All molds should be treated the same with respect to potential health risks and removal

"It's just mildew"

- The law, and industry treats mold and mildew alike as they act the same and have the same respiratory effects on people.

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