

**REFERENCE LIST OF MOLD TESTING LABORATORIES,  
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS,  
AND MOLD REMEDIATION COMPANIES**

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The attached information is not a complete list of all companies/organizations that may be involved in evaluating, testing, or remediating mold situations. Other companies/organizations may be available by consulting the yellow pages of the local telephone directory or from the Internet. The appearance of any company/organization on the attached information is not to be construed as an endorsement in any way by the Medina County Health Department.

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## TESTING FOR MOLD

In cases of minor mold contamination, small isolated areas (2 to 10 sq. ft.), testing is usually not necessary. In most of these cases, the area can be addressed by using the clean-up recommendations given elsewhere in this information packet.

In cases of more extensive contamination, testing may be necessary. Some private environmental consulting firms may have the ability to conduct home assessments and sample for mold identification. Please refer to the section of your yellow pages entitled "Environmental Consultants" or to the list of water damage and mold consultants in this packet to find a company in your area that might be capable of performing these tasks effectively. Ask if the company has experience with mold testing. It is recommended that several price quotes be obtained for field work and analysis. Consulting firms should be familiar with the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA) document entitled "*Field Guide for the Determination of Biological Contaminants in Environmental Samples*". This document provides guidelines for the sampling of mold in indoor environments. For a list of accredited labs, please visit the AIHA web site at: [www.aiha.org](http://www.aiha.org).

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### MOLD CLEAN UP SIX STEPS TO GET RID OF MOLD YOU SEE IN YOUR HOME

#### 1. Find and fix the water problem – This is the most important step.

#### 2. Dry anything that is wet.

- ◆ Start as soon as possible.
- ◆ Move wet items away from walls and off floors.
- ◆ For larger problems, use fans and dehumidifiers.

#### 3. Get rid of moldy items.

- ◆ Cover with plastic and discard:
  - ◆ Moldy clothes, fabric covered furniture, drywall, insulation, plaster, carpet/carpet pad, ceiling tiles, wood products (other than solid wood), and paper products.
  - ◆ If sewage has been in the house, discard all soiled items.
- ◆ Protect yourself and others.
  - ◆ During mold clean up, wear:
    - Long sleeves and long pants – put directly in laundry after use.
    - Rubber gloves.
    - Eye goggles.
    - N-95 rated “dust” mask - available at hardware stores.
    - If anyone in the home has asthma or a chronic disease – do cleanup when they are out of the house.

#### 4. Clean solid surfaces.

- ◆ Scrub all moldy surfaces using a stiff brush, hot water, and a non-ammonia soap or detergent.
- ◆ Collect excess cleaning liquid with a mop, sponge, or wet/dry vacuum.
- ◆ Rinse area with clean water and remove rinse water.

#### 5. Disinfect surfaces (if desired).

- ◆ Mix ½ cup bleach per gallon of water.
- ◆ Spray, sponge, or wash on moldy areas.
- ◆ Allow to sit on the surface for 15 minutes.
- ◆ Collect any remaining bleach solution with a sponge, mop, or wet/dry vacuum.

**DO NOT MIX BLEACH WITH AMMONIA**

#### 6. Be on MOLD ALERT!

- ◆ Keep looking for signs of moisture problems.
- ◆ Fix moisture problems.
- ◆ Look for return of mold growth.
- ◆ Clean up as soon as you see mold.

#### When can we rebuild?

You can rebuild if the moisture problem is fixed, all mold is cleaned up, and everything is dry.

### How to choose a mold clean up (remediation) professional:

Get estimates from three companies. You may find companies under Disaster, Environmental, Restoration Services, or Mold Remediation in the Yellow Pages.

When choosing a company, ask:

- What experience they have;
- What courses they have taken;
  - What mold remediation certification(s) the manager has; and
- If a manager who is certified will be on the job site at all times when work is being done.

A written agreement should be provided by anyone you hire. It should state in detail the work to be done, start and end dates, the materials to be used, and the price breakdown for both labor and materials. Review it carefully before signing. Never pay for all repairs in advance, and don't pay cash.

### MOLD RESOURCES:

- **Local Mold and Lead Paint Information.** Contact your local health department or board of health.
- **Mold in Homes.** Minnesota Department of Health's very informative web site on mold for homeowners and tenants. Available online at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mold/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mold/index.html).
- **Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings.** Provides technical information on how to clean up mold. EPA #402-K-01-0001. March 2001. Available online at [www.epa.gov/iaq](http://www.epa.gov/iaq) or from the IAQ Clearinghouse at (800) 438-4318.
- **New York City Guidelines on Assessment and Remediation of Fungi in Indoor Environments.** Available online at [www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doh/html/epi/moldrpt1.html](http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doh/html/epi/moldrpt1.html).
- **Ohio Department of Health Indoor Environments Section,** Phone (800) 200-2526, provides advice and information on indoor air hazards.

### Got Lead Paint?

If your home was built before 1978, it may have lead paint. Before you begin work, learn how to prevent lead poisoning in your home.

- **Reducing Lead Hazards When Remodeling Your Home:** EPA #747-K-97-001. September 1997. Available online at [www.epa.gov/lead/leadpbed.htm](http://www.epa.gov/lead/leadpbed.htm). Call 800-424-5323 to receive a free copy of this or other lead documents, or to speak with an information specialist. Bilingual (English/Spanish) staff members are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Alliance for Healthy Homes.** Lead information for homeowners, landlords, and tenants. Available online at [www.afhh.org](http://www.afhh.org).
- **Ohio Department of Health.** Listing of licensed lead risk assessors and contractors at (877) 668-5323 or (614) 466-1450; and on the Internet at [www.odh.state.oh.us/ODHPrograms/LP\\_PREV/lp\\_list1.htm](http://www.odh.state.oh.us/ODHPrograms/LP_PREV/lp_list1.htm).

**NOTE: This fact sheet is a basic clean-up guide for small areas of mold growth. Other safety steps may be needed. When in doubt, stop work and seek advice from your local health department or an experienced mold remediator.**

**Source:** Fact Sheet: Mold In Homes. Minnesota Department of Health, Environmental Health Division, Indoor Air Unit. <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mold/index.html> (Accessed 11/16/2003).  
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### MOLD AND HEALTH EFFECTS

#### WHAT IS MOLD?

Mold is a simple, tiny living organism that grows wherever it gets enough water to reproduce. It eats the material it grows on. It is able to grow on objects that have small amounts of living material such as dirt, grease, and dead skin cells. Some molds can produce an unpleasant odor.

Mold will not grow unless water is present. It grows more quickly if there are water leaks, spills, high humidity or condensation. Mold can be any color or texture. Moldy hard surface items can be cleaned, but porous objects may need to be thrown out.

#### WHY IS MOLD GROWING IN MY HOUSE?

Mold is always present in the air, indoors and outdoors. When visible mold is in your house, you have some sort of water problem or a leak. The sooner you fix the water problem the less mold you will have to clean up and the less it will cost. It is best to fix water problems in 24-48 hours.

#### WHAT SYMPTOMS CAN MOLD CAUSE?

Some people have symptoms when they are exposed to mold. However, these symptoms can have other causes. These symptoms can include:

- ☆ Allergic reactions – About one person out of ten is allergic to mold. Allergic reactions can include cough, congestion, and rash.
- ☆ Irritation – Sore throat, itchy eyes, runny nose.
- ☆ For asthmatics – Asthma episodes may happen more often because of allergies or irritation from breathing mold.

Respiratory congestion and irritation from mold may lead to more serious conditions such as sinus infections and bronchitis. It is important to remember that not all people are affected the same by mold.

#### WHO IS MOST AT RISK WHEN EXPOSED TO MOLD?

People with these special concerns should consult a physician. These people may be at higher risk for the health effects of mold:

- ☆ Infants and children
- ☆ Elderly persons
- ☆ Immune compromised people with HIV infection, cancer, liver disease, organ transplant, etc.
- ☆ Pregnant women
- ☆ People with existing respiratory conditions, such as allergies, COPD, and asthma.

Even if no one in your home has these problems, ***it is important to quickly identify and correct any moisture sources before mold develops.***

#### WHAT IF I HAVE “BLACK MOLD”?

There are hundreds of thousands of kinds of mold. Many are black. Black molds are no more likely to cause health effects than any other color molds.

***If you have mold of any color, it is important to fix the water problem and remove the mold as soon as possible!***

#### WHAT IS “TOXIC MOLD”?

Some molds produce toxins. Toxins are chemicals that cause cells to break down. Molds that produce toxins do so under certain circumstances. These toxins are produced mainly to kill other mold species. You have to touch, inhale, or swallow a mold in order to be affected by a toxin. ***Just because a mold is present does not mean that a toxin is present.***

## **SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT MOLD IN MY HOME?**

Most people will never have a health problem from being around mold. However, when there is a large amount of airborne mold, it can cause allergic reactions, asthma episodes, infections, and other respiratory problems for people. Exposure to high mold levels can lead to allergies. Care should be taken when cleaning to prevent the spread of mold. Most serious exposures are in the occupational environment, not in the home, school or office environment. If you have mold growing in your home, you should take steps to get rid of it. See the *OIAQC Mold Clean-up fact sheet for the proper clean-up steps.*

## **WHAT ARE OTHER INDOOR AIR PROBLEMS?**

It's important to remember that the symptoms just mentioned can come from many other sources in the home, such as:

- ★ Dust Mites
- ★ Cockroaches
- ★ Pet fur and saliva
- ★ Tobacco smoke
- ★ Cleaning chemicals
- ★ Pollen
- ★ Perfumes, air fresheners
- ★ Pesticides

## **SHOULD I TEST MY HOUSE FOR MOLD?**

If you can see or smell mold you already know you have a mold and moisture problem. Testing for mold is not generally recommended. Even if the test tells you the kind of mold present, the clean up needs will remain the same.

## **CAN MY DOCTOR TEST ME FOR MOLD?**

There are no reliable medical tests for mold exposure. An allergy specialist can test for allergies to only a few of the most common molds.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MOLD:**

For more information on mold, refer to the OIAQC Fact Sheet: ***Mold Cleanup: Six steps to get rid of mold you see in your home.***

## **WEB RESOURCES:**

A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture and Your Home – [www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldguide.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldguide.html)

Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings – [www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldremediation.html](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldremediation.html)

Mold in Homes, Minnesota Department of Health – [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mold/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/indoorair/mold/index.html)

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# Water Damage/Mold Consultants

## **ACRT INC.**

2545 BAILEY RD  
P.O. BOX 401  
CUYAHOGA FALLS OH 44221  
(800) 622-2562

## **AKRON REGIONAL AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

### **DISTRICT**

(800) 589-2480  
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FAX (330) 375-2402

## **AMERICAN ANALYTICAL LABS INC**

840 S MAIN ST  
AKRON OH 44311  
(330) 535-1300

## **AUBURN ENVIRONMENTAL**

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CLEVELAND OH 44146  
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## **INDOOR AIR MANAGEMENT INC**

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**MOLD PROTECTION SERVICES INC**

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Or  
(800) 721-4506

**MOROCCO SERVICE, INC.**

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McDONALD OH 44437  
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1-866-543-7470

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HOWARD OH 43028  
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**RADER ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES**

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