

# 8 TIPS TO CLEAN UP MOLD



## Protect Yourself

Put on personal protective equipment (gloves, mask, goggles) to protect your eyes, nose, mouth, and skin.



## Toss!

Take it out! Anything that was wet with flood water and can't be cleaned and dried completely within 24 to 48 hours should be taken outside. Take photos of discarded items for filing insurance claims.



## Air it out

Open all doors and windows when you are working, and leave as many open as you safely can when you leave.



## Circulate

When electricity is safe to use, use fans and dehumidifiers to remove moisture.



## Don't mix cleaners

If you use cleaning products, do not mix cleaning products together. **DO NOT** mix bleach and ammonia because it can create toxic vapors.



## Scrub surfaces

Clean with water and a detergent. Remove all mold you can see. Dry right away.



## Don't cover it, remove it

Painting or caulking over mold will not prevent mold from growing. Fix the water problem completely and clean up all the mold before you paint or caulk.



## Dry it up

Dry your home and everything in it as quickly as possible – within 24 to 48 hours if you can.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mold/cleanup.htm>

