

Mold Prevention Tips

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Mold spores enter the home silently and begin to multiply in the right environment. They thrive in damp, humid conditions commonly found in crawl spaces, bathrooms, and laundry areas. Here are a few tips you can follow to prevent mold from finding a place to camp in your home!

- **Complete routine checks** - Inspect your property for evidence of water damage and visible mold growth. This can look like spots in a variety of colors. If you are unsure what to look for, contact Home Inspection Carolina to schedule a mold test.
- **Control humidity levels** - Keep humidity levels as low as you can, typically between 30% and 50%, all day long. An air conditioner or dehumidifier will help you lower the humidity in your home. Keep in mind that humidity levels change throughout the day with moisture and air temperature, so you will need to monitor the level periodically. Maintenance your air conditioner or a dehumidifier regularly to ensure peak performance during humid months.
- **Promptly fix leaking roofs, windows, and pipes** - Fix any leaks in your home's roof, walls, or plumbing so mold does not have moisture to grow.
- **Thorough cleaning** - Regularly scrub bathroom areas. Be sure to dry surfaces completely after flooding. Discard anything that is wet for more than 48 hours.
- **Ventilate showers, laundry rooms, and cooking areas** - Be sure your home has enough ventilation. Use exhaust fans to remove moisture from the air in your kitchen and bathrooms.
- **Proactive thinking** - Avoid using carpet in rooms or areas like bathrooms or basements that may have a lot of moisture and are known to harbor mold.

