

10 Essential Tips for Safe & Effective Mold Cleanup

Make your cleanup faster, safer, and more effective with these simple best practices. Perfect for printing, sharing, or posting where work is happening.

1. Act Fast

Clean up mold within 24 to 48 hours after water exposure to stop it from spreading.

2. Protect Yourself

Wear gloves, goggles, and an N95 mask to avoid contact with mold spores and chemicals.

3. Ventilate

Open windows and use exhaust fans during cleanup to keep fresh air flowing.

4. Don't Mix Chemicals

Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners—this can create toxic fumes.

5. Use a Proper Bleach Mix

Stick to a safe ratio: 1 cup of bleach per 1 gallon of water for disinfecting surfaces.

6. Scrub Thoroughly

Use a stiff-bristle brush to remove mold from hard, non-porous surfaces.

7. Remove Soaked Items

Carpets, drywall, and insulation that can't be dried quickly should be thrown away.

8. Dry Completely

After cleaning, dry all surfaces with fans or dehumidifiers to prevent regrowth.

9. Watch for Regrowth

Keep humidity below 50% and check cleaned areas regularly for signs of mold returning.

10. Call a Pro When Needed

If mold covers a large area (more than 10 square feet) or follows major flooding, contact a certified mold remediation professional.



Tip: Mold spreads quickly and can impact your health—use this guide to act early, stay safe, and know when to seek help.