

MOLD CLEANUP SHOPPING LIST— What You Need to Get Started



Be prepared before starting your mold cleanup project. Use this checklist to gather all the essential tools, protective gear, and supplies to clean safely and effectively.

1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Non-porous gloves: Protects your hands from mold and cleaning chemicals.
- Safety goggles: Shields eyes from splashes and mold spores.
- N95 mask or respirator: Prevents inhalation of harmful airborne particles.
- Rubber boots: Essential for post-flooding cleanups or working in damp environments.

2. Cleaning Tools

- Bristle scrub brushes: For scrubbing mold from hard surfaces.
- Buckets: Used to mix cleaning solutions or carry water.
- Sponges and rags: Helps in wiping down surfaces and general cleanup.
- Spray bottles: Useful for applying cleaning agents evenly.

3. Cleaning Products

- Dish soap: Mild detergent for general cleaning.
- Bleach: Effective for disinfecting (mix 1 cup bleach per 1 gallon of water).
- Commercial mold cleaner (optional): For additional mold-killing action.

4. Drying Equipment

- Dehumidifier: Reduces moisture in the air to inhibit mold growth.
- Fan or air mover: Speeds up drying of cleaned surfaces.
- Wet/dry vacuum: Ideal for water extraction and removing debris.

5. Disposal Materials

- Heavy-duty trash bags: For safely discarding contaminated materials.
- Duct tape: Useful for sealing trash bags or temporary containment.
- Plastic sheeting: Helps isolate moldy areas to prevent spreading.

6. Optional Supplies

- Moisture meter: Measures dampness in walls and floors.
- Hygrometer: Monitors indoor humidity levels.
- Mold inhibitor additives for paint: Prevents future mold growth on painted surfaces.

Tip: Always follow safety precautions and manufacturer instructions for each product. If mold contamination covers more than 10 square feet, consider hiring a certified mold remediation professional.