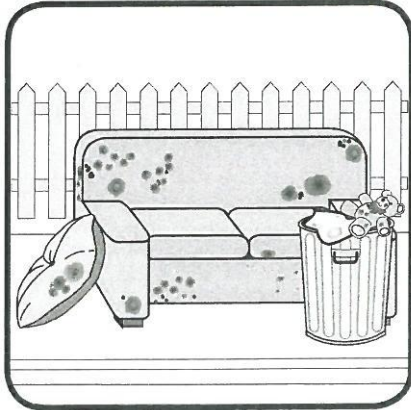


Get Rid of Mold

After a flood, mold will grow in your house. It can make you sick. You will need to clean your house.



Dispose of things that were wet for 1 or more days.

Things that stayed wet for 2 days have mold growing on them even if you can't see it.

Take out stuff made of cloth, unless you can wash them in hot water. Also dispose of anything that can't be cleaned easily (like leather, paper, wood, and carpet).

Use a bleach water solution to clean mold off hard things (like floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates, and tools) and dry thoroughly.

Follow these steps:

- § Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- § Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles, and N-95* mask. Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.
- § Never mix no more than 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of warm water.
- § Wash the item with the bleach and water mixture.
- § If the surface of the item is rough, scrub the surface with a stiff brush.
- § Rinse the item with clean water.
- § Thoroughly dry the item or leave it out to dry.
- § Dehumidifiers will help remove excessive moisture in the structure or room



* N-95 masks filter-out 95% of airborne particles and are available at most major home improvement and hardware stores.

Recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



For more sources of information on this topic visit:

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT www.scchealth.co

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES www.michigan.gov/mdhhs

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION www.cdc.gov

THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY www.epa.gov