

Be Sure to Prepare Before Clean-up and Repair

When Working on Home and Business Repair:

- ❖ Protect yourself by wearing: gloves, masks, protective eye wear and boots
- ❖ Get a tetanus booster before starting repairs. Even a small cut can become infected

Be Sure to Protect Yourself When Cleaning Mold

- ❖ Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles, and N-95 mask
- ❖ Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach
- ❖ If available, use a shop vacuum equipped with a HEPA filter to trap dust
- ❖ Never mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners



Has Mold Taken Hold?

Recognize Mold in Your Home or Business

SIGHT

Are walls or ceilings discolored, or do they show signs of water damage?

SMELL

Do you smell a bad odor such as a musty earthy smell or foul stench?

When in Doubt Throw it Out!

Remove all items that have been wet for more than 48 hours and that cannot be thoroughly cleaned and dried such as leather, paper, wood and carpet.

Scrub mold off hard surfaces with laundry or dish detergent and water, and dry completely so that mold does not grow back.



Beware of Asbestos:

Asbestos is a naturally occurring fibrous material that can cause serious health problems if inhaled. Health effects associated with asbestos include: Lung cancer, mesothelioma, and asbestosis.

Over 3,000 commercial products contain asbestos. Common items include: Vinyl floor tiles, roofing shingles, covered hot water pipes, heat resistant fabrics. An inspector, certified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, can conduct an inspection and test for materials that may contain asbestos.

If you suspect material contains asbestos, don't touch it. Asbestos fibers may be released into the air by the disturbance of asbestos-containing material.

For More Information on Mold:

<http://www.nj.gov/health/er/documents/get-rid-of-mold-eng.pdf>
<http://emergency.cdc.gov/disasters/mold/protect.asp>

Home Repair and Asbestos:

http://www.state.nj.us/health/iep/asbestos_faq.shtml
<http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/learn-about-asbestos.html#find>