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Infographic: 8 Tips to Cleanup Mold

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**Circulate**

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If you use cleaning products, do not mix cleaning products together. **DO NOT** mix bleach and ammonia because it can create toxic vapors.

**Scrub surfaces**

Clean with water and a detergent. Remove all mold you can see. Dry right away.

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Dry your home and everything in it as quickly as possible – within 24 to 48 hours if you can.

<http://www.cdc.gov/mold/cleanup.htm>





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Resources

- [Mold After a Disaster](#)
- [Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup After Disasters](#)
- [Mold Clean-Up After Disasters: When to Use Bleach](#)
- [Population Specific Recommendations for Protection From Exposure to Mold](#) 
- [Basic Facts About Molds in the Environment](#)
- [8 Tips to Cleanup Mold | PSAs for Disasters](#)
- [Cleanup and Remediation](#)

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