

# MOLD DAMAGE DO'S AND DON'TS

## DO'S

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- ✔ Contact your insurance company to report the loss.
  - ✔ Contact First Onsite to handle all restoration needs.
  - ✔ Call an industrial hygienist to investigate the issue.
  - ✔ Have professional remediation performed by First Onsite. Attempting to clean mold and remove it on your own will only make the matter worse and put you and others at risk.
  - ✔ Wear gloves and eye protection if you are handling mold in any way.
  - ✔ Identify the cause of mold, if possible.
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## DONT'S

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- ✔ Do not disturb mold colonies after you've located them. Air motion will send millions of viable spores into the air, cross contaminating the rest of the room/structure.
  - ✔ Do not continue remodeling if you open ceilings or walls and find mold. Stop until the hazard can be analyzed. Tearing out moldy building materials has the same effect as above.
  - ✔ Do not try to kill mold with bleach or other fungicides. It does not remove the toxins from the air. A dead spore will continue to give off toxins until it is removed.
  - ✔ Do not seal and paint over the mold. It does not kill the mold or remove the toxins. It is only a short-term fix while poor health symptoms will continue.
  - ✔ Do not place fans or air movers in the space.
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