

Harris County Community!

What About Mold?

Finding mold in your home

- **Sight**
 - Wet or damp areas
 - Water stains or colored, fuzzy growths
 - Strange colored spots
 - Some mold cannot be seen.
- **Smell**
 - Musty odor
 - Earthy, foul scent



Potential health effects of mold

- The most common types of mold are generally not hazardous to healthy individuals.
- Allergy type symptoms – runny nose, watery eyes, and sneezing.
- Asthma – may trigger symptoms for some.

Cleaning up mold

- Open windows and doors to provide fresh air.
- Wear gloves and mask.
- Fix all water problems.
- Use fans to dry your home.
- Throw away soft washable items that have been wet for **more** than 4 days.
- Clean surfaces with a **mild** bleach solution – 1 part bleach to 10 parts of water (Throw away water damaged sheet rock).

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Protect your family.
Protect yourself.
Stay healthy & safe!

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