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Is your family at risk?

How to find and remove toxic mold from your home.

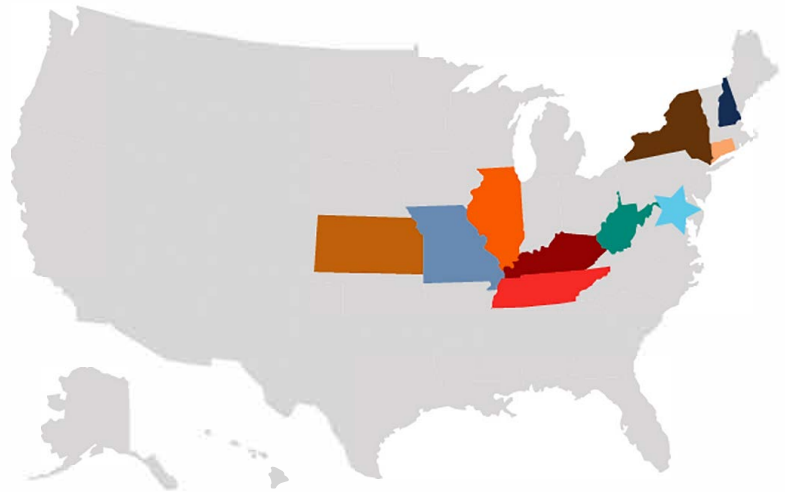


**3 million** people in the U.S. are treated for allergies related to mold exposure every year.

## - Top 10 Places Searching for "Mold Removal" -

*based on search term analysis of the past 12 months*

★ District of Columbia	■ West Virginia
■ Kansas	■ New York
■ Tennessee	■ Kentucky
■ Connecticut	■ Illinois
■ New Hampshire	■ Missouri



## - Common types of molds found in homes -



### **Cladosporium** —

acrylic painted walls, wood, wallpaper, carpet, mattress dust, HVACs



### **Alternaria** —

iron, tiles, bricks, plaster, wallpaper, paper, canvas



### **Penicillium** —

rotten food



### **Stachybotrys chartarum** —

drywall, ceiling tiles, wood

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*Stachybotrys chartarum*, or “black mold,” is a dangerous, toxic mold.

## - Identifying toxic mold in your home -

Greenish-black  
in color



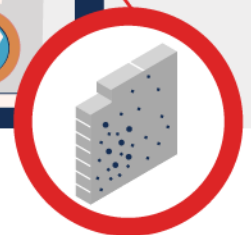
Found near water  
damage inside the home



Musty or rotten smell



Grows on damp or stained  
building materials




*It's difficult to tell the difference between black mold and other types. The CDC recommends removing all mold immediately.*

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**To stop mold growth, reduce moisture in the home.**



- Run an air conditioner or dehumidifier.
- Dry wet areas and furnishings.
- Clean gutters and direct flow away from walls.
- Move sprinklers away from the home.
- Don't carpet bathrooms or unfinished basements.
- Run a fan to create air circulation.
- Don't overwater indoor plants.
- Clean vents and replace air filters.
- Cover cold pipes with insulation.
- Clean bathrooms and kitchens often.
- Don't paint or caulk over mold – remove it.
- Waterproof and encapsulate crawl space/seal basement.

 *Even if you can't see it, mold in your crawl space or basement can damage the structural integrity of your home by breaking down building materials like insulation and wood.* 