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1. Why Is Mold So Bad?

Mold in your home is a big deal.



Health

- According to the CDC, indoor exposure to mold is linked to:
 - Coughing
 - Nasal congestion
 - Itchy eyes or skin
 - Wheezing
 - Shortness of breath
 - Asthma and other respiratory allergic reactions
 - Development of asthma in children
- **Toxic black mold** can be especially dangerous.
- It can be difficult to connect the dots between health problems and mold in your home.



Home

- Mold, dampness, and dry rot can cause structural damage, warped boards, and weakened walls.
- After mold damage, you may need to throw out porous materials like drywall or furniture.

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2. How Do You Identify Mold?

Look for:



Visible mold growth



Musty smell



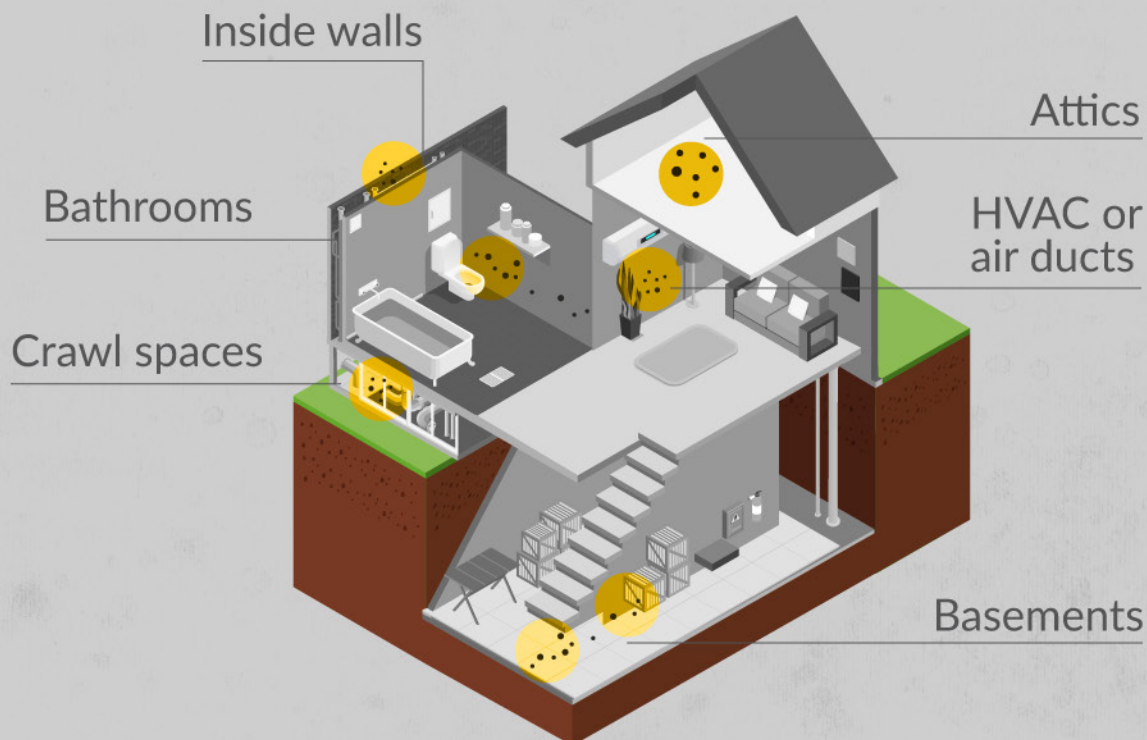
Respiratory symptoms

You don't have to see mold for it to be present.

- It could be in your crawl space or basement or inside your walls or attic.
- Mold toxins can travel via airborne spores, affecting air quality throughout your home.



3. Where in Your Home Is Mold Commonly Found?



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4. Moisture and Mold Problems

All types of mold require moisture to grow. Therefore, a mold problem starts as a moisture problem.

Moisture can be caused by:

- Humid or coastal climate
- Flooding
- Heavy rains and poor drainage
- Plumbing problems or interior water leaks
- Poor ventilation in bathrooms or kitchens



5. What Should You Do About the Mold?

Talk to a pro about how to find out what type of mold you have and how to remove it:



- Mold cleaning
- Soda blasting
- Mold remediation



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6. How Can You Stop Mold From Coming Back?

If you clean up mold without fixing the underlying moisture problem, the mold will likely return.



- Reduce moisture with basement waterproofing or crawl space encapsulation.
- Remove problem water sources by fixing a leaky roof, plumbing, or drainage.
- Dehumidify to 30-50% and improve air circulation.
- Prepare for heavy rains or flooding by installing a sump pump.
- Hire a professional to implement yard drainage.
- Consult a professional for slab waterproofing.

