



WHEN IT RAINS, IT MOLDS: MOLD PREVENTION.

The Midwest has been barraged with rainfall this spring causing an above average amount of flooding and mold growth in homes. Mold can be found anywhere moisture is present and caused by rain seeping in, leaking pipes, cooking, showering, and even insufficient ventilation in the home. Mold contamination is very harmful to your policyholder's health, property, and belongings.

MOLD PREVENTION TIPS FOR YOUR POLICYHOLDERS

Share these mold prevention tips with policyholders to help prevent mold from coming into their home:

1. Check for Water Leaks After Rain Immediately

Not all water damage from rain is visible. Some water damage lies concealed behind walls. An environment that stays wet too long, sometimes in just 48 hours, will start to grow mold.

2. Use Exhaust Fans While Bathing and Cooking

The second most well-known areas in a home to have mold are the bathroom and kitchen. Hot showers and cooking can produce condensation but running an exhaust fan or opening a window during these activities will help eliminate the moisture.

3. Maintain a Healthy HVAC System

A notorious place to find mold in a home is in the HVAC system. Ways to prevent mold from growing in air duct systems are: changing the air filter every few months, purchase and use a mold inhibitor, keep drip pans clean, and have the HVAC system cleaned by a professional every few years.

4. Purchase and Use a Dehumidifier

High indoor humidity can provide moisture for mold to grow. Dehumidifiers can eliminate extra moisture in the air.

5. Open Windows and Doors

Mold grows in a wet and dark atmosphere. Open windows and doors to gain sunlight exposure and fresh air circulation.

If mold is present in your policyholders home, contact ServiceMaster DSI for professional remediation services.



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