Take Action Against Mold

Whose responsibility is it to take action against mold?

**Landlord’s responsibility**
- Fix water leaks from outside
- Fix plumbing leaks inside

**Tenant’s responsibility**
- Remove moisture formed by condensation

How to avoid condensation:
See reverse

Action plan to clean mold:
1) Spray soapy water on moldy surface
2) Scrub with a sponge or brush
3) Wipe the surface dry

Tools:

Tips for your mission:
- **DO NOT** use bleach!
  - Bleach is corrosive and can:
    - Burn the eyes and skin
    - Cause asthma or make it worse

- Mold can cause allergies, take precautions when cleaning
  - Avoid breathing in mold or mold spores
  - Use protective gear such as rubber gloves

When to hire a professional:
- Hire a professional to remove mold that covers an area greater than 15 square feet.

If the mold looks like this:
Contact your landlord. This surface most likely needs to be replaced. If your landlord is not responsive, call 415-701-2311 or 311

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Prevent Mold by Avoiding Condensation

Condensation is when moisture in the air turns into liquid water on a cool surface.
View this video for more information: http://tinyurl.com/ahealthyhome

- Use the fan or open a window when showering
- Wipe moist windows with a dry cloth
- When cooking, always turn on the fan above the stove or open a window
- Keep shower curtains dry by spreading out the curtain or wiping it dry with a clean cloth
- Do not use a humidifier
- Keep furniture at least 6 inches away from the wall so air can flow freely between the wall & furniture
- Keep closets open as often as possible
- Maintain a humidity of 30-50% in your living space
- Keep windows open for 5-15 minutes each day to release excess moisture
- Throw away items that have been very wet for more than two days

Mold:
- Causes allergies
- Makes asthma symptoms worse
- Triggers asthma episodes

Have mold problems?
Call 415-701-2311 or 311