

# 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

Condensation

Excess moisture

Mold growth

## 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



## 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/ahhealthyhome>

Keep furniture at least 6 inches away from the wall so air can flow freely between the wall & furniture

Throw away items that have been very wet for more than two days

Keep closets open as often as possible

Keep windows open for 5-15 minutes each day to release excess moisture

Maintain a humidity of 30-50% in your living space

Use the fan or open a window when showering

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

Wipe moist windows with a dry cloth

Do not use a humidifier



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### Mold:

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

### Have mold problems?

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