

## Mold Remediation



The concern for indoor air quality and the increase in upper respiratory ailments has renewed awareness in mold and in its effects on buildings and their occupants.

ServiceMaster of Greater Pittsburgh is on the cutting edge of mold remediation. With our highly trained technicians, ServiceMaster has the capacity to handle mold problems of all sizes.

Our staff will do on-site inspections. We work with independent third-party air quality experts to assess and identify indoor air quality problems. Once this is collected and reported, ServiceMaster will plan for a safe and efficient mold remediation following the EPA Guidelines. Once work is completed, follow-up air quality and site testing will confirm the complete return of affected area to safe conditions.



### Things to Know About Mold

Potential health effects associated with mold exposure include allergic reactions, asthma, and other respiratory complaints.

- There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores indoors. The way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture.
- Reduce indoor humidity (to 30 to 60 percent) by ventilating bathrooms, dryers, and other moisture-generating sources to the outside; using air conditioners and dehumidifiers; increasing ventilation; and using exhaust fans whenever cooking, dishwashing, and cleaning.

- Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishings within 24 to 48 hours to prevent mold growth.

- Clean mold off hard surfaces with water and detergent, and dry completely. Absorbent materials, such as ceiling tiles, that are moldy may need to be replaced.

- Prevent condensation. Reduce the potential for it on cold surfaces (including windows, piping, exterior walls, roof or floors) by adding insulation.

- In areas where there is a perpetual moisture problem, do not install carpeting (for instance, near drinking fountains, by classroom sinks, or on concrete floors with leaks or frequent condensation.)

- Molds can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any substance, providing moisture is present.