



An unexpected fire.

A sudden earthquake.

A devastating hurricane.

Or maybe just a busted pipe.

Disasters can strike  
anytime, anywhere.

What will you do?

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**MOLD REMEDIATION**

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## MOLD CAN BE A GROWING PROBLEM

If your home or business has had water damage or moisture issues, potentially dangerous mold growth can become a big problem. Mold can begin to grow within 12-24 hours and become visible within 72 hours. If you can see mold growing, the top priority is to remove and safely dispose of it.

There are many questions to be answered:

- Is it dangerous?
- Is all mold bad?
- What is the cause?
- What is the most effective way to get rid of my mold problem?
- How can it be prevented?

If given the opportunity, mold can quickly grow and become a serious air quality problem. Large populations of normal environmental mold can overwhelm even a healthy immune system, so it is important to get rid of active mold growth. The question becomes "how."



## STOP MOLD GROWTH

Mold remediation is a specialized process requiring a unique combination of training and ability. BELFOR's professional mold removal teams are considered the best in the industry. We were the first restoration company to issue mold guidelines in 2002, and we were contributing authors of the official industry ANSI/IICRC S520 Standard and Reference Guide for Professional Mold Remediation.

Our professional mold mitigation services include:

- Initial Air Quality Testing
- Mold Identification
- Containment Enclosures
- Engineering Control and PPE
- HEPA Filtration with Pressure Differential
- Mold Removal
- Structural Drying and Dehumidification
- Air Duct Cleaning
- Decontamination
- Disposal - Contamination Materials
- Final Clearance Testing
- Reconstruction

## AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION

Mold needs a suitable temperature range, organic matter for food and, most importantly, moisture. High moisture levels for an extended period of time are the critical factor.

Other primary causes of mold infestations are undetected maintenance problems that produce moisture, such as dripping pipes or leaking air conditioners.

If moisture is the essential ingredient for mold growth, it seems it would be easy to prevent mold simply by removing water and moisture. Even in the most obvious scenario such as a flood, this is not always possible. You still must deal with high ambient humidity and any saturated materials.

The planned response should include the services of a mold expert and an experienced restoration contractor who can perform the initial assessment and recommend remediation procedures.



## PROPER STRUCTURAL DRYING

Mold growth results from the failure of quick and proper drying following water intrusion. Here are some steps to alleviate on-going problems:

- Moisture levels in all affected building components should be measured to determine where the water damage has occurred.
- Hidden moisture, such as in ceiling plenums and wall cavities, must be tracked and measured. The right equipment for the job must be properly placed for rapid drying.
- Daily moisture readings should be recorded and reported (a critical defense in case of health allegations).
- Determine the building's normal moisture level and document goal attainment.

Our experienced Estimators and trained technicians use the most up-to-date commercial dehumidification and air purifying equipment available, following all guidelines for indoor air quality.

Our BELFOR offices across the country are also supported by the BELFOR Environmental division. BELFOR Environmental has a keen understanding of environmental compliance, safety, and health regulations.

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