

After the Storm- Mold and Moisture:

What steps do I need to take to clean-up safely?

A guide for workers and volunteers

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Be prepared. Talk to your health provider NOW about your personal health risk.

Get respirator medical clearance and a fit test.

(OSHA requirement for employees)

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PPE

Use personal protective equipment.

- ⇒ Coveralls with hood and booties
- ⇒ Unvented goggles
- ⇒ Long sleeve gloves
- ⇒ Appropriate respirator

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Wear and work with the proper respirator and clothing.

Conduct a respirator user seal check.

Be sure your respirator is certified by NIOSH.

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Prepare the work area.

1. Make sure occupants are not in the building
2. Seal vents with plastic
3. Open windows to ventilate

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Mist moldy areas with soapy water.

To minimize dust generation

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Put debris in a plastic bag.

Seal and remove odors

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HEPA vacuum and wet wipe surfaces or dust with a microfiber cloth.

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Carefully dry area with fan.

Direct the breeze so that it will dry the carpet, but will not raise dust.

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Do not eat, drink, or smoke in the work area.

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