

Damp and mould

How to tell if you have a mould problem

Your home may have a mould colony without you even knowing. However, you can expect mould growth if you have a water problem in your home, such as leaks, high humidity or condensation. There are several clues for mould growth that you should be aware of.

1. Musty smell

Mould releases a pungent, musty odour. Since mould may hide in unseen areas of a home, the musty smell may often be the only clue of mould growth. Take action immediately as soon as you sense the musty odour. Try to look for mould in hidden areas, such as behind furniture or behind wallpaper, and contact Coastline to perform a thorough inspection. The longer you wait, the worse the problem will become.

2. Visible signs of mould

Mould will also grow in clearly visible areas that have high humidity or that are affected by water damage. In homes, mould can have multiple colours - black, grey-brown, grey-green or white. Bathrooms, basements, and attics are some of the most common places in a home where mould can grow. In the bathroom, mould can often be seen on grout and it's easy to distinguish from soap scum due to its greenish-black colour. Mould in the basement and attic may be more difficult to spot, but keep in mind that mould takes hold in the dampest areas.



3. Mould exposure symptoms

Although mould may not be visible in a home, the presence of mould can often be felt through several symptoms. People who are sensitive to mould may experience allergy symptoms such as sneezing, runny or stuffy nose, coughing, or itchy eyes, or asthmatic symptoms such as coughing, wheezing, or shortness of breath. They can also experience irritant reactions that are similar to allergy symptoms. If you think this may be happening in your homes please contact Coastline so we can arrange for a survey.

4. Water problems

Areas with high humidity levels, condensation problems, water leaks or past flooding are prone to mould growth. Mould can grow quickly on most surfaces if the water or dampness problem isn't fixed immediately. For instance, mould may appear in the first 24 to 48 hours after a flood. That's why it is so important that you let us know about any repairs your home may need.

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