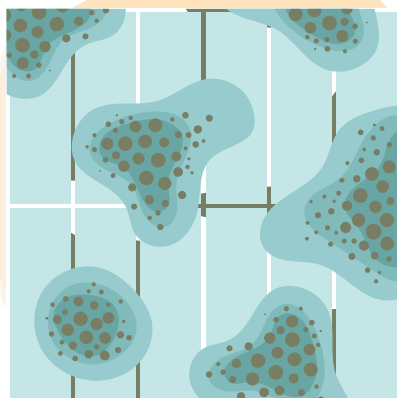


Cleaning up mould after a disaster



Wet conditions and heavy rainfall create an environment where mould can grow.



Mould colours surfaces and leaves a musty, unpleasant smell. It can cause some people to develop health problems.

When cleaning mould from surfaces, you can use:

- ✓ products designed to kill and remove mould from hard surfaces
- ✓ household cleaning agents or detergents
- ✓ white vinegar (do not mix with bleach).

Carpets that have been waterlogged for more than two days may need to be removed. Dry your home out quickly by opening all the doors and windows.

Protect yourself by wearing:

- ✓ rubber gloves
- ✓ safety goggles
- ✓ a P2 face mask
- ✓ protective clothing
- ✓ enclosed footwear that you can throw out or wash.



Avoid cleaning mould from a surface with a dry brush. This could release spores into the air which may affect health and spread mould to other places.



Bleach may not be effective in killing mould on porous surfaces. However, bleach will help to get rid of other disease-causing organisms.

Call **13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)** at any time.

Contact **13 QGOV (13 74 68)** for your nearest Public Health Unit.

If you or anyone in your household is experiencing any health effects from mould, seek medical advice from your doctor.



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