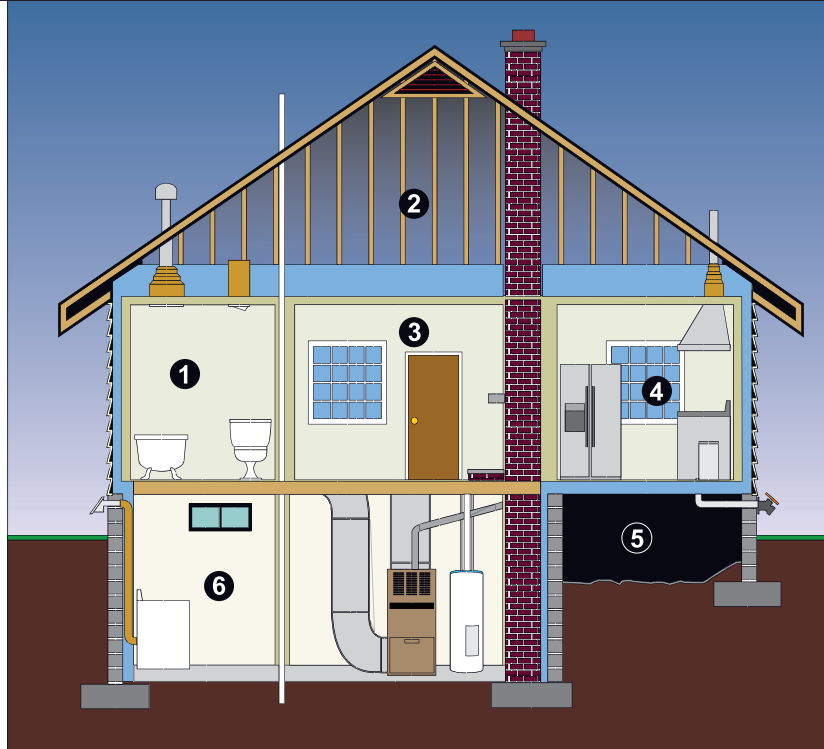


COMMON OCCURRENCES

WHERE IS THE MOLD?

Common Interior Mold & Mildew Occurrences

- 1 Bathroom**
Poorly ventilated areas and weak exhaust fans in showers, baths, and indoor pool areas will lead to excessive moisture and keep steam from escaping outdoors.
- 2 Attic**
Roof leaks are common in roofs over 25 years old. If the construction wood remains wet, Mold will grow. This can lead to mold spores migrating into other parts of the home and can potentially, if left untreated cause a total loss of a home from severe mold infestation.
- 3 Wall Cavity**
Not all moisture problems are the result of leaks, condensation, or floods. Humidity levels above 60 percent for an extended time period can create conditions for mold growth.
- 4 Kitchen**
Poor ventilation and weak exhaust fans over the stove will lead to excessive moisture and keep steam from escaping outdoors. Tile, grout, and caulking found in most kitchens and around the sink will retain moisture when cleaning or washing dishes.
- 5 Crawlspace**
Small spaces usually lack UV light and adequate air supply. UV light is an important component in controlling Mold growth and without it Mold is likely to grow. Crawlspace without vapor barriers (like plastic sheeting) are also prone to moisture build-up.
- 6 Basement**
Leaking pipes, cracked foundation, floods, roof leaks, and other ways water can get into living spaces. Make sure your dryer vent is properly installed and moisture is escaping outdoors. Water pipes without insulation liners can increase condensation.



Common Exterior Mold & Mildew Occurrences



- 1 Siding**
Often mistaken for dirt, Mold growth is a common occurrence on the outside of your home. Adverse weather conditions, shade, and lack of sunlight can lead to Mold growth on your wood or vinyl siding.
- 2 Entrance Ways**
Outdoor temp fluctuation may produce condensation on windows and moisture on nearby surfaces. Entrance floors and rugs must remain completely dry for 48 hours after getting wet to avoid the growth of Mold.
- 3 Window Frames**
Small openings in paint allows water to absorb into the wood. Once the water is absorbed into the wood, Mold begins to feed off the nutrients contained in wood.
- 4 Roof / Chimney**
Surfaces like these are very porous and will trap millions of outdoor Mold spores. Constant exposure to rain, snow, ice, and water will likely cause severe Mold and Algae growth. Ugly mold stains are likely to appear when Mold is present.
- 5 Driveway / Patio**
Similar to your roof and chimney, these surfaces are very porous and exposed to constant weathering. Over time, mold & mildew can form and create a very slippery and unattractive surface.
- 6 Down spouts**
Constant water flow and exposure leads to Mold growth.