

## MOLD:

Observing any of the following does not mean mold exists. The list is meant to provide possible causes and/or areas to look for mold conditions. Visual observation of mold must be confirmed, to begin to assess for public health nuisance conditions.

- Search areas with noticeable mold growth
- Mold odors (earthy or musty smell)
- Moisture or water damage. ie. watermarks or discoloration on walls, ceilings, carpet, woodwork or other building materials
- Look for water leaks
- Standing water
- Water stains
- Condensation problems
- Behind and underneath materials (carpet and pad, wallpaper, vinyl flooring, sink cabinets), furniture, or stored items (especially things placed near outside walls or on cold floors).
- Mold hidden in a wall cavity (Do not destroy any property.)
- Furniture
- Flooding
- Condensation (caused by indoor humidity that is too high or surfaces that are too cold)
- Movement through basement walls and slab
- Roof leaks
- Plumbing leaks
- Overflow from tubs, sinks, or toilets
- Firewood stored indoors
- Humidifier use
- Inadequate venting of kitchen and bath humidity
- Improper venting of combustion appliances
- Failure to vent clothes dryer exhaust outdoors (including electric dryers)
- Line drying laundry indoors
- House plants - watering them can generate large amounts of moisture
- Closets or enclosed spaces