

## **MOLD ABATEMENT & TESTING and SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER**

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Mold has been around longer than the human species has. Over the course of the last decade and a half there has been a lot more attention paid to mold in building materials than ever before. It is important to clarify a few things amid some of the hysteria.

- **Not all molds are toxic** or cause allergies
- **Not all people have allergies to mold**, so a human/mold relationship can be somewhat comparable to peanut allergies with humans and is something you may be able to relate to and apply to your own situation: one person may enter a room where there is mold, and have difficulty breathing and feel dizzy, and another person may be able to function normally.
- **Most species of white mold that grow on wood cause no appreciable problems** to healthy individuals
- **Many species of black mold that grow on common building materials cause problems with many people**
- **Some species of black mold over extended periods of time can cause serious health problems to most people**
- **Mold spores must be removed to the highest possible extent**, and then deprived of access to their food source (cellulose based products - especially paper boxes and sheet rock paper, even too much dust.)
- **YOU must control water** that allows proliferation and growth of mold spores.

So, as you can see, mold conditions must be taken seriously. At Advocate Insurance Restoration & Remodeling, LLC we are experienced, qualified and insured to perform air quality testing and professional mold abatement services, and we do quality mold abatement project design.

Using FLIR infrared equipment, ExTech and Tramex moisture diagnostic equipment and humidity measurement systems, you can feel confident that Advocate Insurance Restoration & Remodeling, LLC will correctly analyze the cause of your problem and recommend corrective action upon receipt of your mold assessment case.

Advocate Insurance Restoration & Remodeling, LLC performs abatement using containment barriers, manual removal techniques and vacuuming, and the best disinfectant products in the industry to perform mold remediation services. Utilizing the latest HEPA air filtration equipment, fungal disinfectants and containment techniques recognized by the EPA, Indoor Air Quality Association and IICRC, you can feel confident that Advocate Insurance Restoration & Remodeling, LLC will correctly perform remediation with a level of service quality that you deserve.

We also can offer humidity management equipment and ventilation solutions based on infrared inspections, moisture meters and humidity gauges.

In attics, many times a hidden leak in the roof in combination with routine local humidity in the NW corner of Florida, humidity build up caused by stack effect or an improperly vented bathroom fan can cause problems that are readily corrected, and could be a loss covered under an insurance policy provision. Most people now carry a \$10,000 single event mold endorsement under their own homeowner policy.

- At Advocate, a site inspection is \$169.00 and the cost of four samples (minimum) analyzed by an independent third party lab are \$320 for a total service charge of \$489.00.
- \*Note: One sample must be a control sample obtained from outside the structure.
- Additional air cassette samples are \$80.00 each.

We do air samples using Air-O-Cell® cassettes as well as tape lift/bulk samples and use digitally controlled SKC® Air Sampling Equipment. We can test with agar plates for viable speciation: call for rates\*\*\*