

MOLD

VERSUS

MILDEW

COMPARING THE 2 TYPES OF SUBSTANCES



Mold is caused by excessive mildew growth.

Can be cleaned with rubber gloves, warm water, bleach, and mold killer.

It can be patches of green or black - Fuzzy and slimy in appearance.

Commonly grows on walls, in showers, around windows, under sinks and in various other damp places.



Mildew grows with heat & moisture - Common in bathrooms and basements

Can be cleaned with a rag, warm water, bleach, and/or shower cleaner.

It can be patches or gray or white or yellow fungus that lives on moist areas - Grows in a flat pattern.

Typically caused by lack of cleaning and not removing moisture from prone areas.

PREVENTING MOLD & MILDEW

- Mold is caused by excessive growth of mildew
- Mildew can be prevented by keeping a clean home, especially in areas where moisture is common
- Keep shower tiles/enclosures free from moisture. This may require wiping down any surfaces where water builds up.
- Keeping bathrooms well ventilated - When taking a shower, heat & moisture are introduced to the environment. Keeping the bathroom door open or cracking the bathroom window can release some of the heat and moisture.
- The most efficient way to prevent mold and mildew in your home is to keep all the areas dry and moisture-free.
- Ensure there are no leaks in the bathroom or basement (where mold and mildew are commonly found)

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY HAVE MOLD/MILDEW

- First try cleaning the affected area with hot water, a rag, and bleach - If these areas have not been cleaned in awhile, it may require a deeper clean (keep areas well ventilated while using bleach products)
- Purchase Mr. Clean Magic Erasers - These are very helpful in cleaning soap scum and mildew.
- **REMEMBER:** Excessive mildew (especially around the caulking of the tub) can cause mold which can damage the caulk.
- If you have tried all of these steps and the substance cannot be removed, we will have a contractor assess this - If the mildew/mold is found to be caused by the lack of cleaning, tenant will be charged for recaulking of tub.