

# GET RID OF MOLD

After a flood, mold **WILL** grow in your home.  
It can make you sick.  
You **WILL** need to clean your house thoroughly.

Take outside anything that was wet for 2 or more days. Things that stayed wet for 2 days have mold growing on them *even if you can't see it.*



Throw out things made of cloth, unless you can wash them in **hot** water. Also throw out anything that can't be cleaned easily (like leather, paper, wood and carpet).

*When in doubt, throw it out!*

Use a bleach mixture to clean mold off hard things (like floors, stoves, sinks, certain toys, countertops, flatware, plates and tools). *Look everywhere in your house for mold.*

Follow these steps in cleaning:

- Mix 1/2 to 1 cup bleach in 1 gallon of water.
- **Never** mix bleach with ammonia or other cleaners.
- Open windows and doors to get fresh air when you use bleach.
- Wear rubber boots, rubber gloves, goggles and a N-95 mask.
- Wash the item with the bleach and water mixture.
- Scrub the surface with a stiff brush if the surface of the item is rough.
- Rinse the item with clean water.
- Dry the item or leave it out to dry.
- Cut out and discard insulation and wallboard from 1 foot above the visible damage mark.

