

# Mold Disclosure



The first thing to understand about mold in Florida is that there is a little mold "everywhere" - indoors and outdoors. It's in the air and can be found on plants, foods, dry leaves, and other organic materials.

It's very common to find molds in Southwest Florida homes and buildings. After all, molds grow naturally indoors. And mold spores enter the home through doorways, windows, and heating and air conditioning systems. Spores also enter the home on animals, clothing, shoes, bags and people. When mold spores drop where there is excessive moisture in your home, they will grow. Common problem sites include humidifiers, leaky roofs and pipes, overflowing sinks, bath tubs and plant pots, steam from cooking, wet clothes drying indoors, dryers exhausting indoors, or where there has been flooding. In addition, many of the building materials for homes provide suitable nutrients for mold, helping it to grow. Such materials include paper and paper products, cardboard, ceiling tiles, wood, and wood products, dust, paints, wallpaper, insulation materials, drywall, carpet, fabric, and upholstery.

## Exposure to Mold

Everyone is exposed to some amount of mold on a daily basis, most without any apparent reaction. Generally mold spores can cause problems when they are present in large numbers and a person inhales large quantities of them. This occurs primarily when there is "active" mold growth. For some people, a small exposure to mold spores can trigger an asthma attack or lead to other health problems. For others, symptoms may only occur when exposure levels are much higher.

Environmental conditions in Florida can be conducive for mold growth. As a prospective buyer, you should pay particular attention to any visual signs and the presence of mildew odors.

The information contained in the disclosure is not intended to be a substitute for any inspections or professional advice the Buyer may wish to obtain. An independent professional inspection is encouraged and may be helpful to verify the condition of the property and to determine the cost of repairs, if any. Buyer understands this is for informational purposes only about Mold and it is encouraged to obtain a mold inspection.

Buyer hereby acknowledges having received a copy of this disclosure.

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