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Mold in Water-Damaged Buildings



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Viera, FL — The Florida Department of Health (FDOH) in Brevard County (DOH - Brevard) urges the public to take precautionary measures to avoid indoor air quality problems that can occur in storm damaged homes and buildings. Moisture from leaks or flooding can promote mold growth.

To Protect Against Health Risks Associated With Mold:

- Remove standing water from your home or office.
- Remove wet materials.
- If mold growth has already occurred, carefully remove or clean the moldy material.
- Consider using personal protective equipment when cleaning or removing mold, such as gloves and goggles.
- Individuals with known mold allergies or asthma should not clean or remove moldy materials.

When using cleaners, make sure to read and follow label instructions carefully, and open windows and doors to provide plenty of fresh air.

Do not mix bleach with ammonia cleaners or acids because a dangerous gas will be formed.

For further information, go to <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/indoor-air-quality/> and <http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/mold/index.html> or the FDOH's Radon and Indoor Program at 850-245-4288 or Toll-free at 1-800-543-8279.

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