

# HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

## Tips On Eliminating Mold In Your Home

(NAPSA)—If you're ever worried about mold in your home, you have lots of company. In a recent survey by CertainTeed Corporation, 55 percent of the respondents expressed the same concern.



**You'll breathe a lot easier if you know how to get rid of the mold in your home.**

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According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the New York City Health Department, homeowners can minimize the risk of mold by keeping these tips in mind:

- Fix any water leaks.
- Reduce indoor humidity (to 30 to 60 percent) to decrease mold growth.
- Clean and dry any damp furnishings within 24 to 48 hours to prevent mold growth.
- Clean hard surfaces with water and detergent. Dry completely.
- Prevent condensation on cold surfaces by adding fiber glass insulation.
- If constructing a new home, ask your builder about products to minimize the potential for moisture and mold growth such as MemBrain, a smart vapor retarder placed inside wall cavities. It allows excess moisture that gets into wall cavities to escape.