

**GUIDELINES FOR REMEDIATING BUILDING MATERIALS WITH MOLD GROWTH
CAUSED BY CLEAN WATER***

SMALL – TOTAL SURFACE AREA AFFECTED LESS THAN 10 SQ FT. (FT²)

<i>Material or furnishing Containment Affected</i>	<i>Cleanup Methods **</i>	<i>Personal Protective Equipment</i>	
Books and papers	3	Minimum	None required
Carpet and backing	1, 3	Minimum	None required
Concrete or Cinder block	1, 3	Minimum	None required
Hard surface, porous flooring (linoleum, ceramic tile, vinyl)	1, 2, 3	Minimum	None required
Non-porous, hard surfaces (plastics, metals)	1, 2, 3	Minimum	None required
Upholstered furniture & drapes (drywall and gypsum board)	1, 3	Minimum	None required
Wallboard (drywall and gypsum board)	3	Minimum	None required
Wood Surfaces	1, 2, 3	Minimum	None required

Note: Minimum PPE includes and N-95 respirator, gloves, and goggles.

MEDIUM – TOTAL SURFACE AFFECTED BETWEEN 10 AND 100 SQ FT. (FT²)

<i>Material or furnishing Affected</i>	<i>Cleanup Methods**</i>	<i>Personal Protective Equipment</i>	<i>Containment</i>
Books and papers	3	Limited or Full	Limited
Carpet and backing	1, 3, 4	Limited of Full	Limited
Concrete or cinder block	1, 3	Limited or Full	Limited
Hard surface, porous, flooring (linoleum, ceramic, tile, vinyl)	1, 2, 3	Limited or Full	Limited
Non-porous, hard surfaces (plastics, metals)	1, 2, 3	Limited or Full	Limited

Upholstered furniture & drapes	1, 3, 4	Limited or full	Limited
Wallboard (drywall and gypsum board)	3, 4	Limited or full	Limited
Wood surfaces	1, 2, 3	Limited or Full	Limited

LARGE – TOTAL SURFACE AREA AFFECTED GREATER THAN 100 FT² OR POTENTIAL FOR INCREASED OCCUPANT OR REMEDIATOR EXPOSURE DURING REMEDIATION ESTIMATED TO BE SIGNIFICANT

<i>Material or Furnishing Affected</i>	<i>Cleanup Methods **</i>	<i>Personal Protective Equipment</i>	<i>Containment</i>
Books and papers	3	Full	Full
Carpet and backing	1, 3, 4	Full	Full
Concrete or cinder block	1, 3	Full	Full
Hard surface, porous flooring (linoleum, ceramic tile, vinyl)	1, 2, 3, 4	Full	Full
Non-porous, hard surfaces (plastics, metals)	1, 2, 3	Full	Full
Upholstered furniture & drapes	1, 2, 4	Full	Full
Wallboard (drywall and gypsum board)	3, 4	Full	Full
Wood surfaces	1, 2, 3, 4	Full	Full

*Use professional judgment to determine prudent levels of Personal Protective equipment and containment for each situation, particularly as the remediation site size increases and the potential for exposure and health effects rises. Assess the need for increased Personal Protective Equipment, if, during the remediation, more extensive contamination is encountered than was expected. Consult Table above if materials have been wet for less than 48 hours and mold growth is not apparent. These guidelines are for damage caused

by clean water. If you know or suspect water source is contaminated with sewage or chemical or biological pollutants, then the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires PPE and containment. An experienced professional should be consulted if you and/or your remediators do not have expertise in remediating contaminated water situations.

**Select method most appropriate to the situation. Since molds gradually destroy the things they grow on, if mold growth is not addressed promptly, some items may be damaged such that cleaning will not restore their original appearance. If mold growth is heavy and items are valuable or important, you may wish to consult a restoration/water damage/remediation expert. Please note that these are guidelines; other cleaning methods may be preferred by some professionals.