

# Mould in Housing: How to Clean Up Mould in Your Home

Mould should be removed as soon as possible. Here are some ways that you can find and fix affected areas.

## Small Mould Problem

- Has less than three patches.
- One square metre in size each.
- Can clean it yourself if you are in good health.
- Clean using water and unscented dishwashing detergent.

## Medium Mould Problem

- Has more than three patches.
- Total area is smaller than three square metres.
- Should be cleaned up by qualified and trained maintenance staff.

## Large Mould Problem

- Total area covers more than three square metres.
- Large patches throughout the home.
- Should be cleaned up by qualified and trained mould remediation contractors.

**For more information on mould prevention, contact CMHC at 1-800-668-2642 or visit [our website](#)<sup>1</sup> or [contact your CMHC Housing Solutions Specialist](#)<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> [www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/industry-innovation-and-leadership/industry-expertise/indigenous-housing/develop-manage-indigenous-housing/maintenance-solutions/mould-in-housing](http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/professionals/industry-innovation-and-leadership/industry-expertise/indigenous-housing/develop-manage-indigenous-housing/maintenance-solutions/mould-in-housing)

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## Five steps to removing mould from your home

- 1 Find, stop and fix the source of the moisture problem.
- 2 Prevent exposure to mould and debris.
- 3 Remove all wet or damaged materials.
- 4 Clean up the mould.
- 5 Restore or renovate the cleaned-up area.

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