

Dealing With Mold

With the high number of foreclosures, in the area, there is a chance that when you're out looking at homes, you will run across one that has mold.

Usually when a home has been vacated, there is not any one there to stop a water leak or a basement from being flooded. Excess moisture is great breeding ground for mold. There are many different types of mold; one of the most dangerous kinds of mold to run into is black mold. I would not recommend buying a house with black mold.

No deal is worth the health risks you are exposing yourself to when dealing with black mold. Some people have constant flu like symptoms, bloody noses; many feel sick every day of their life.

There are many types of mold, some types are easier to get rid of than others. There are professional mold remediators that can take care of many mold issues.

Here are some things that you can check to help you stay away of mold issues:

1. Leaky air conditioning duct joints, especially those running into a hot attic create moisture.
2. Vinyl wall coverings can trap moisture.
3. Washing machines in a room without a floor drain overflow can cause water to soak into adjacent carpet, drywall or insulation.
4. Poorly ventilated bathrooms can trap moisture.
5. Crawl spaces need a vapor barrier placed over the bare earth.
6. Fresh cut firewood has moisture do not keep indoors.
7. Humidifiers if not cleaned can promote mold growth if not kept clean.

8. The condensation pan under the coil of your central air conditioning unit can harbor mold.
9. Finished concrete basements that have not been thoroughly waterproofed from the outside can promote mold.
10. Yards that slope toward the foundation can cause water to run toward basement.
11. Improper flashed or caulked windows let moisture in surrounding wood, drywall and insulation.
12. Leaky flashing and shingles allow rain to infiltrate attic, insulation and eaves can trap moisture.

The bottom line is moisture promotes mold.

Please call if you have any questions.

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