

Breaking the Mold!

With the Fall season upon us, and considering the time we'll be spending indoors, I wanted to pass along some very important information to you.

Mold has become a big issue in the housing industry because people have fallen ill and been forced to move. As a result, Buyers, Sellers and Tenants are becoming more concerned. Mold problems have also been reported in office environments and schools.

If you're not storing quilts, or other bedding or clothes in a cedar-lined chest, but in heavy plastic bags, check them periodically for moisture. If the stored material feels moist to the touch, remove the items immediately, treat them first by washing or dry cleaning, then store them in a vacuum-sealed space bag that will eliminate moisture and insects.

Mold is often the culprit for books slowly rotting. If you have a book collection, you might want to ensure that the books are not stored on a shelf that rests against an outside wall. The moisture from the wall - even though it probably has a layer of sheetrock - will eventually produce enough moisture to dampen the books, causing slow decaying of the pages.

Check around your house for any tell-tale signs of mold. If you or someone you know is in the process of Buying or Selling a home, advise them to have a professional mold specialist check it out before a transaction takes place.