

Is There Any Way to Control Mold?

First, you should always know that just because you live in a warm, dry climate doesn't mean that you won't have mold. Arizona and California, where the air is dry and the sun always shines, are two of the highest mold claim areas in the country. A common sense approach should be used for any mold contamination existing inside buildings and homes. Good housekeeping is imperative in controlling mold. For example:

- Periodically, clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilets, windows and patio doors using a household disinfecting cleaner.
- Use the bathroom fan when showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the bathroom.
- Use the exhaust fan in your kitchen while cooking or when the dishwasher is running.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas.
- Control standing water in plants and gutters.
- Check for leaks in pipes and appliance hoses.