

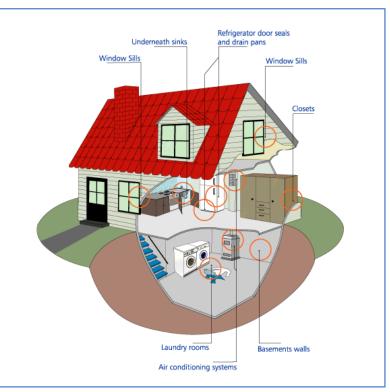
MOLD TESTING

Overview

Our standard inspection is visual and will note of areas of moisture intrusion. However, mold is present in all homes. Air sampling is an add on service that provides detailed information regarding the type and amount of mold spores present in the home.

What is Mold?

- All molds need moisture, so you're most likely to see mold in damp places such as bathrooms, kitchens, laundry rooms, basements, and crawl spaces.
- Mold can be black, white, orange, green, or purple.
- It is a type of fungus that consists of small organisms
- In small amounts, most mold spores are usually harmless, but when they land on a damp spot in your home, they can start to grow.
- Those sensitive to mold and inhale spores could experience health problems.



Why test for Mold?

People test for mold due to potential health impacts. Typically, mold is tested for when one or more of the following conditions are present:

- Existing health conditions, allergies or sensitivities.
- Historical flooding without proper cleanup.
- Moisture intrusion occurring through subflooring, walls, windows, or roofs.
- Plumbing, water line leak, toilet overflows or sewer backups.
- Moisture condensation within HVAC systems.



Schaefer's Approach

Schaefer Inspection Service will take 3 air samples. One, will be the exterior as a baseline. 2 additional samples will be taken in the property at the most like areas of mold presence.

Results are read at the laboratory and a written report of results will be provided.

How Do You Fix it?

Mold remediation may be necessary. Your results will tell you the types of mold present in the home as well as the number of spores.

Schaefer can provide a list of remediation firms to consider.

Black Mold

Toxic black mold is a typical concern, as it can cause serious health issues. One of many types of mold our report includes, black mold (Stachybotrys) results will provide the information you need to decide if remediation is necessary.