

Renters, Landlords, and Mold

Renters

Mold problems in buildings are a result of water and moisture problems. Renters need to operate the heating and ventilation systems to reduce water condensation. Renters need to notify landlords promptly, in writing, of any water leaks or moisture problems. If there is a water leak or moisture problem, it should be fixed by the landlord. Your local building and code enforcement official may take action if building problems are not addressed - they won't respond to mold complaints, so it's important to stress the source of the water problem.

Landlords

Landlords are responsible for maintaining rental units, including fixing building problems such as water leaks and ventilation or heating defects which may lead to moisture problems. Landlords must notify their tenants about the health hazards associated with exposure to indoor mold and ways to control mold growth in their dwelling units. Posting this information in a visible, public location at the dwelling unit property is allowed. The following materials can fulfill the notification requirements:

- [Got Mold?](#) – Download and print these frequently asked questions about mold. Available in English and Spanish.
- [Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home - EPA](#) – Order free copies of this guide through the EPA website. Available in English (publication number: 402K02003) or Spanish (402K03008).