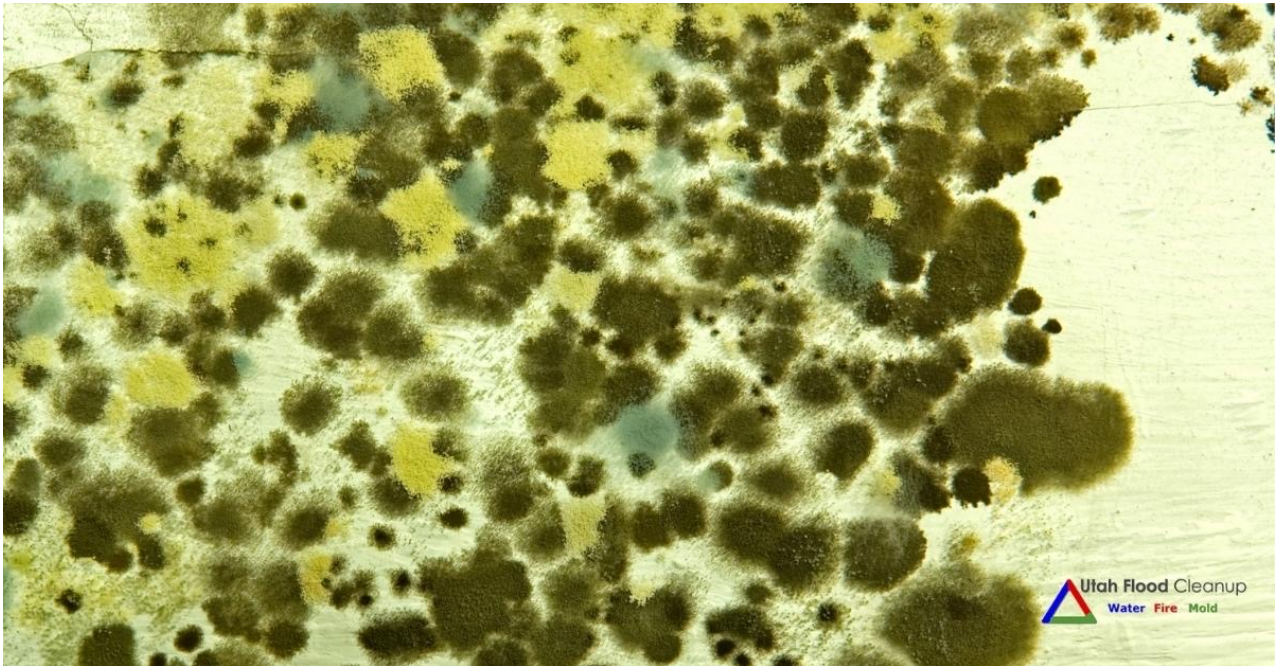


# The 4 Most Common Myths About Mold

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Whether we know it or not, we're all exposed to mold every day, indoors and outdoors. It's usually not a problem. But, when the temperatures, moisture levels, and available food sources are all present, the combination encourages mold to flourish. Mold can develop inside your house and become a serious problem if left untreated. To help you know when to be concerned or not, and [what to do about mold](#) or not to do about it, let's clear up some myths about mold.

## Top Four Mold Myths

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Mold in a home or workplace can lead to severe health effects for many people if it is not eliminated soon enough. It also can damage or even destroy the structural building components, furnishings, and possessions inside the building that it feeds on. But, we all need to know the difference between basic facts and myths about mold and what to do in case of mold infestation.

### **MYTH 1: If there is no mold odor, there is no mold.**

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Belief in this myth can lead to serious consequences. Being unable to smell mold does not mean that it is not infesting your home. Mold growth is sometimes likely due to the conditions, such as after a roof leak or a pipe burst has caused [water damage](#) in a home. In such cases, a professional mold inspection is usually necessary to check thoroughly for mold behind walls, in the basement, crawl spaces, cabinets, the attic, under carpets, under sinks, etc.

### **MYTH 2: Exposure to black mold is fatal.**

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It's time to eliminate the black mold myth. It is not the color of a mold infestation that determines its degree of potential toxic impact on human health. Multiple mold types can generate dangerous toxins under some conditions. There is actually not a final determination on which molds can produce poisonous matter, and which can produce such substances in some but not all cases of infestation.

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### **MYTH 3: You need to test for mold.**

This is not actually something you need to do. There are over 10,000 mold types, so it is not practical to expect to produce a meaningful test. Health-related standards of safety regarding mold levels are not defined, so it means an unnecessary expense and delay to conduct testing instead of moving forward with the removal of mold.

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### **Myth 4: Only Bleach Can Kill Mold**

Yes, bleach kills mold, but let's dispel the bleach and mold myth. First, bleach is dangerous to your lungs, so an alternative is preferable if it works just as well. Second, bleach often does not actually work thoroughly to remove all mold. Frequently, the safer and more effective approach to getting rid of mold on hard surfaces is just to scrub the area using soap and water. Mold on drywall, carpets, or furniture fabric can't be removed by bleach. Replacement is necessary. Know the proper bleach-to-water ratio and safety practices for the use of bleach.

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### **What Should I Do if My Home Might Have Mold?**

There is no way to confirm that your home has a mold infestation without an inspection. So, for a lasting solution, first, contact a Utah mold abatement specialist to perform a thorough mold inspection. After you have confirmation that a mold infestation is growing in your home, obtain one or more bids for mold removal by well-experienced, licensed, insured, and industry-certified mold abatement experts.

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### **Utah Flood Cleanup – Your Local Mold Experts**

We are Utah mold abatement specialists. If you are dealing with a mold problem in your home or business due to a roof leak, broken pipe, poorly ventilated area with high moisture, etc., we will eliminate all mold and help you put in place measures to prevent it from recurring in the future.

**If your home or workplace needs mold removal, call Utah Flood Cleanup at (801) 416-2666, or contact us here online for information or to schedule an assessment.**

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