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Removing Mold from Your Shower



Did you know your bathroom is the perfect place for mold to grow? Thanks to the moist and humid environment around the drains, tiles, grout and other hidden corners in your bathroom, there could very well be mold growing without you even realizing it. When inhaled, the spores produced by mold can cause respiratory issues, skin ailments and headaches. If you notice mold growing on your subflooring or drywall, you'll need to hire a professional. However, if you can see the mold, you may be able to remove it yourself. Here's how you can get it done.

Using bleach	Using borax	Using white vinegar
Create a mixture that is two parts water and one part bleach, and spray the affected area. The mold should begin to fade after the solution sits for 10 minutes. Use a coarse sponge, brush or toothbrush to scrub the remaining mold away. Remember to allow for proper ventilation when working with bleach.	Mix one cup of borax with one gallon of warm water. Spray some of the solution on the affected area, and use a brush or sponge to get rid of the mold stains.	Spray white vinegar directly on the affected area, and let it sit for 10 minutes. Wipe the solution away with a sponge or rag.
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To prevent mold from growing in the future, make sure that your bathroom is properly ventilated. You may want to invest in a squeegee, which will help you to remove excess water from the shower and bathtub after every use. You should also make sure that your bathmats, towels and other soft materials are fully drying after each use. If you plan on painting your bathroom, choose a semi-gloss option that will create a water-resistant surface. There are also home paints that have been specifically formulated to be mold resistant.

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