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Contrary to popular belief, mould present in a home is not always readily noticeable by smell, or by visual inspection. Often, it is hidden behind walls or underneath flooring. As suspected, it can also be found behind wallpaper. In the spring, the excess water can build up and come into your home, causing a flood in the basement. This is usually caused by poor drainage around the home. If the water damage is not cleaned up sufficiently in the first 24-48 hours, you may have mould in your home. If any member of your family is suffering from; unexplained skin rashes, itchy and watery eyes, nose bleeds or even migraine headaches,

## INDOOR MOULD

these symptoms may be caused by mould. So what do you do to prevent mould? Prevention is key as mould cannot grow where there is no moisture. Here are a few tips to prevent mould from occurring in your home:

- Roof - check for leaks throughout, especially in the attic area
- Bathrooms - shower areas - clean, clean, clean - ensure your ventilation fan is on when showering
- Leaks - are there any caused by plumbing? Check the lines in bathrooms, kitchen, laundry area. Ensure any are fixed right away.
- Air Conditioning Units - empty and clean drain

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- Dehumidifiers - empty and clean drain pans often

If you suspect mould in your home, a home inspector who is well versed in mould removal should be called in to take a look. Your best protection is prevention!

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