

FAQs about Mold in Residential Rental Property

1. Who is responsible for correcting water damage and mold in a residential rental unit?

Landlords, managing agents, and property owners have specific responsibilities regarding visible mold and water damage in a residential rental unit.

2. Can Code Enforcement help me with a mold issue in the home I am renting?

- A code enforcement inspector can inspect a rental unit for **visible** signs of mold and mildew. If found, a notice of violation can be issued to the responsible party to have the violations corrected. (Link to our building maintenance page and Register a Code Complaint form)
- The Code Enforcement Division cannot get involved with landlord/tenant disputes or provide assistance with any civil matter.

3. Does the city conduct any tests to determine if there is toxic mold present in my home?

- No. The City of Virginia Beach does not test visible mold or for the presence of mold. The city also does not administer environmental or air quality assessments.
- Should a resident choose to obtain an environmental assessment, he/she may provide a copy of the results for Code Enforcement's review to determine if enforcement action may be taken.