





# MOLD IN RENTAL UNITS: WHAT NEBRASKA RENTERS SHOULD KNOW

## What Causes Mold?

Mold grows when moisture and warmth are present

### Common causes:





-  Leaky pipes, roofs, or windows
-  Steam from showers or cooking without good airflow
-  High indoor humidity
-  Flooding or standing water

## How to Prevent Mold





- ✓ Use fans in bathrooms and kitchens
- ✓ Open windows or use fans for fresh air
- ✓ Keep humidity below 50% (a dehumidifier can help)
- ✓ Dry spills or leaks within 1–2 days
- ✓ Don't block air vents

## Who Is Responsible?

### Landlords Should:


-  Keep rentals safe and livable
-  Fix leaks and water problems quickly
-  Take care of mold caused by building or maintenance issues
-  Follow housing and health codes

### Tenants Should:

-  Keep the unit clean and safe
-  Use fans and manage moisture
-  Report leaks, flooding, or mold to the landlord right away
-  Not cause damage or ignore problems

## What to Do If You Find Mold

### Small spots (smaller than 3 ft. by 3 ft.):

-  Wash with soap and water, then dry completely
-  Wear gloves and avoid breathing dust or spores

### Bigger or repeated mold problems:

-  Contact your landlord in writing right away
-  Keep copies of letters, texts, or emails

### If nothing is done:

-  Call the Sarpy/Cass Health Department at 402-339-4334
-  Call your city or county building inspector or code enforcement department
-  Contact Legal Aid of Nebraska for free renter help at 877-250-2016