

## U.S. Army Garrison Hawaii – Environmental Compliance Guide

# MOLD

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Molds are part of the natural environment and can be found almost anywhere; they can grow on virtually any organic substance, as long as moisture and oxygen are present. There are molds that can grow on wood, paper, carpet, foods and insulation. When excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold growth will often occur, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or unaddressed.

(EPA's website: <http://www.epa.gov/mold/>)

### U.S. ARMY GARRISON MOLD RESPONSE AND MANAGEMENT

- If the area contaminated with mold is less than 10 square feet, the tenant/unit/building occupants are responsible for cleaning the mold with water and detergent as well as routinely cleaning all A/C supply and return registers of mold.
- If the area contaminated with mold is greater than 10 square feet, please contact an Industrial Hygienist (IH) (Schofield Barracks: (808) 655-7742 Tripler Army Medical Center: (808) 433-9942) for an indoor survey to determine if mold is present and the cause of the mold growth.
- If repair/remediation is required, please submit a Facilities Engineering Work Request (FEWR) along with the Indoor quality report (IAQ) if one is provided by the IH to DPW Work Management (808) 787-1275.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- When water leaks or spills occur indoors - **ACT QUICKLY**. If wet or damp materials or areas are dried 24-48 hours after a leak or spill happens, in most cases mold will not grow.
- Report all plumbing leaks and moisture problems immediately to DPW Work Order Desk (808) 787-1275. If residing in AHFH, promptly notify your community center about any signs of water leaks, water infiltration or mold.
- Most buildings on USAG-HI installations have central air conditioning. Windows and doors should remain closed to prevent condensation that can occur when warm moist air from the outside mixes with the conditioned air inside.
- Run the bathroom fan when showering. Use exhaust fans whenever cooking, running the dishwasher, washing dishes, etc.
- Keep your home/office clean. Regular vacuuming, mopping, dusting and using a household cleaner to clean hard surfaces are important to remove the household dirt and debris that harbors mold or provides food for mold.

Some of these suggestions came from: <http://www.epa.gov/mold/>

For more info contact: DPW Clean Air Program or TAMC Industrial Hygiene Service.