

Hints *For* Homeowners

To Prevent Mold, Eliminate Moisture

(NAPSA)—The key to preventing mold growth is to eliminate water at its source. Water from overflows, burst pipes, plumbing leaks, floods, or roofing leaks should be immediately mopped up and dried thoroughly, and the sources of those leaks attacked as soon as possible. That's the advice from the editors of the new edition of "The Black & Decker™ Complete Photo Guide To Home Repair" (Creative Publishing international, \$34.95).

Spores need moisture to establish themselves and thrive. Studies show that children in schools with high mold levels have more frequent asthma attacks and higher incidences of wheezing and upper respiratory infections. For the 10 percent of the population with severe mold allergies, even a visit to a mold-infested house can be dangerous.

According to the editors of "The Photo Guide," it is not necessary to have a catastrophic event to have excess water present in your house. Many of the moisture sources are steady, daily contributors. Often overlooked sources of moisture include crawl spaces with condensation on uninsulated air-conditioning pipes, or ducts running through attics. Finished basements harbor great mold potential due to the naturally higher humidity levels.



Repeated wettings have stained the paneling and carpet in this basement room. It is very likely that mold and mildew are growing in the carpeting and behind the paneling.

"The Complete Photo Guide To Home Repair" has more than 2,300 photos and covers virtually ever home repair challenge. New in this major revision to an all-time classic best-seller are chapters on choosing and using hand and power tools; diagnosing and correcting home safety and health problems; and creating and maintaining a home workshop.

The book is available at bookstores across the country or by visiting www.creativepub.com.