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Creating A Cedar Coastal Storage Area

(NAPSA)—According to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, more than half of all Americans live on or near a coast. The sea breezes, sunrises and sunsets are an incredible attraction to the 153 million people who live in coastal counties, an increase of 33 million since 1980. And if you live near the coast, you probably own a boat.

"Warm temperatures and wet boating gear can create a musty smell and mildew in a short time," says CedarSafe Home Improvement Expert Pat Simpson, host of HGTV's "Fix it Up!" "And boating experts say moisture and mildew can also degrade life jackets."

According to the University of Florida Extension Service, mildew, which is a type of mold, grows readily on any organic material, such as paper, leather, natural fibers and untreated wood.

Temperatures must be below 70 degrees Fahrenheit to completely stop mildew growth. In the meantime, the relative humidity would have to be below 70 percent to inhibit most mold growth. That's difficult to attain in a warm coastal region.

CedarSafe cedar panels repel and resist mildew, and even insects including silverfish and

Coastal storage areas can be kept mold and mildew free with cedar panels.

roaches, in coastal storage areas or other enclosed areas. The low-cost 4' x 8' cedar panels will also freshen up your storage area, thanks to the natural cedar scent.

"You can cover a very large area for a few hundred dollars," says Simpson. "It's also a natural product."

If you're a do-it-yourselfer, all you need is a claw hammer, trisquare, saw, and nails or adhesive. You can determine the number of panels you need, and see installation videos and tips, at www.cedarsafeclosets.com.