

The Cleaning Clinic

Bathroom Mold Prevention And Cleaning Tips

(NAPSA)—“Yuck. That’s gross. There are black spots in the shower again!”

It’s not unusual to find black spots on tile, shower curtains, ceilings and other bathroom surfaces. Those ugly spots are most likely mold and mildew, which grow best in places where there’s high humidity and excessive moisture, like bathrooms.

Cleaning may remove it, but the trick to controlling mold and mildew is to stop it before it starts. Here are some tips to keep mold and mildew at bay from the prevention experts at Zinsser:

- **Keep airflow constant.** Consider installing an exhaust fan or ceiling fan or replacing solid doors with louvered ones to improve ventilation. They can increase airflow and significantly impede the growth of mold and mildew. If installing a fan isn’t in your budget, leave your bathroom window slightly open when you shower to help airflow.

- **Eliminate moisture.** Stagnant water produces moisture in the air and creates an ideal environment for the growth of mold and mildew. Limit excessive moisture by using a fan or dehumidifier and by wiping down shower walls after each use.

- **Clean infected areas.** Clean bathroom surfaces with a cleaner specifically formulated to remove mold and mildew stains, such as JOMAX Mold & Mildew Stain Remover. The fast-acting bleach formula cleans and removes tough stains from walls, ceilings and other surfaces. Use it around sinks, baths and shower stalls during your weekly cleaning



Mold Patrol—The right type of paint can guard against mold and mildew for up to five years.

routine. It’s an easy, effective way to clean and remove mold and mildew stains and soap scum buildup on tile, grout, fiberglass, vinyl, plastic and more.

- **Protect bathroom surfaces.** Use a product like JOMAX Mold & Mildew Shield to protect bathroom surfaces from future mold and mildew growth. It creates an invisible protective barrier on tile, grout, paint, vinyl, plastic, fabrics and other surfaces to prevent mold and mildew growth for up to three months. JOMAX Mold & Mildew Shield is ideal for use around bath and shower stalls, on bathroom walls, countertops, or on fabric or plastic shower curtains. It can also be sprayed on the inside of cabinets or other storage areas that are susceptible to mold growth.

Plan on redecorating? Consider using Perma-White Mold & Mildew-Proof Interior Paint. It’s guaranteed to prevent the growth of mold and mildew for five years. For more helpful mold and mildew solutions, visit www.zinsser.com.