

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Protecting Your Home From Mold And Mildew

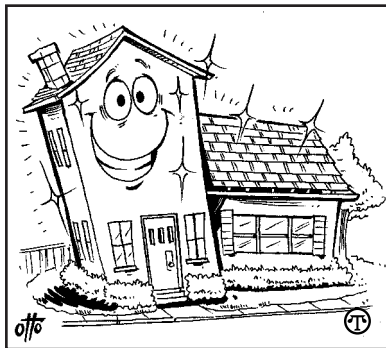
(NAPSA)—It pays for homeowners to protect the value of what may be their biggest investment—their homes. An important step, say experts, is to reduce the number of microbes in a home.

Microbes are tiny organisms such as bacteria and mold. They can damage surfaces in a home—sometimes forcing homeowners to foot expensive repair bills.

The best way to keep microbe levels in your home to a minimum may be to prevent them from growing in the first place. Try these tips:

- **Wave Goodbye to Water**—Keep an eye on any place in your house where water might be present. Bathroom walls and cabinets under kitchen sinks tend to be breeding grounds for microbes. Keep the areas dry and clean them regularly using a disinfectant.

- **Microbe Protection**—Some home products—including paint, flooring, tubs, sinks, caulk, grout, and more—are available with built-in Microban® antimicrobial protection. Microban protection inhibits the growth of stain- and odor-causing bacteria, mold and mildew. And because it's built-in during manufacturing it won't



There are ways homeowners can protect their houses from damage caused by mold.

wash off or wear, providing continuous antimicrobial protection for the life of the product.

- **Basement Blues**—Microbes are also often found in basements due to high humidity and flooding. If your basement is particularly damp, you may want to invest in a dehumidifier for the room. In addition, homeowners can help protect basement walls from mold and mildew with Kwik Seal Plus® Basement Paint with Microban protection from DAP®.

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