



# Mold - Frequently Asked Questions

## What is mold?

Mold is a type of fungus that is present everywhere in our natural environment. Mold spores can grow almost anywhere there is moisture and organic material such as in soil, on foods and plants, and in people's homes.

## Who tests mold?

Brazos County Health District does not perform mold inspections; see available local options below.

## Is mold testing necessary?

Generally, it's not necessary to identify the species of mold growing in a residence, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) does not recommend routine sampling for molds. It's more important to find the source of the moisture and eliminate it, otherwise the problem will return. When the moisture is eliminated, the mold will no longer grow and will die.

Standards or Threshold Limit Values (TLVs) for airborne concentrations of mold, or mold spores, have not been set. Currently, there are no EPA regulations or standards for airborne mold contaminants.

### Local companies that perform mold inspections and remediation:

- [Choice Consulting](#): (979) 492-5104
- [STEAMATIC of Brazos Valley](#): (979) 696-0101
- [Austin Environmental](#): (979) 778-2699
- [SERVPRO of Brazos Valley](#): (979) 779-3333
- [The Steamery, Inc.](#): (979) 693-6969

## What are my rights as a tenant?

The relationship between Texas landlords and their tenants are governed by several statutes, particularly Chapter 92 of the Texas Property Code and by various court rulings. However, the most important source of information about your relationship with the owner or manager is your rental agreement, whether it is written or oral. Please review your rental agreement and comply with the provisions for requesting repairs.

### Here is a list of potential resources if you need further assistance:

- [The Attorney General of Texas: Renter's Rights](#) – (512) 463-2100
- [Lone Star Legal Aid](#) – (979) 775-5050. This group may be able to assist you with legal issues concerning your lease.

## Additional information about mold

<https://www.cdc.gov/mold/default.htm>

<https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/mld/mldfaq.htm>

<https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/introduction-indoor-air-quality>

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