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MOLD the FOUR LETTER WORD NO ONE WANTS TO HEAR

I am by no means an expert in the field of mold but I have learned a few things during my time on this planet. I do not do air sampling to test for mold, but I have someone that does it, I can do the minimal testing which consists of swabbing the suspected area and sending the swab to a lab. From that they can tell you some very basic information as to whether or not it is mold and other basic information. I will pass on some things and tips I have learned concerning mold. But, I must say again, I am not an expert as far as mold is concerned.

First, lets say it outloud, EVERY HOME HAS MOLD. The problems that arise depend on a number of things. The type or variety of mold present, the extent of the problem (how wide spread is it), and the health and allergies of the people living in the home. Some people are more susceptible to mold than others.

The best way to determine the most information concerning the mold level in a home is to have air sampling done. If the levels are high and people are allergic to the strain of mold present then remediation should be undertaken. The air sampling method is much more helpful in detecting mold that may be behind walls and in confined spaces which will determine the level of remediation needed.

Small areas can be cleaned up by using soap, water, a soft brush, and a partial blocking mask. ***Never, I repeat, NEVER CLEAN MOLD WITH CHLORINE BLEACH.*** A Microbiologist with a PHD told me this and then told me why. "Mold is a living organism and like any living organism it wants to reproduce itself and flourish. As soon as bleach touches the mold it realizes it is dying and it gives off all of its' spores at once in an effort to continue the colony in another location. The spores are one of the most dangerous aspects of mold."

'Til next month,

Pat Bennett
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Exciting New Feature

I am very excited to be featuring this new program from InterNACHI. It provides peace of mind for the seller & the buyer. Go find out more information about this program go to [my web site](#)



[GAS FIREPLACE LOG RECALL!!!!](#)

I was going to devote more space this month discussing mold but I just received this information and I wanted to pass it on to all of you. Lennox Hearth Products is recalling Natural Gas Log Set Burner Assemblies Due To Risk of Carbon Monoxide. Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately unless otherwise instructed.

Name of the Product: Lennox Shadowdance National Gas Log Set Burner Assemblies.

Model #s: LSVFSD-18, LSVFSD-24, LSVFSD-30, & LSVFSD-NG.
Serial #s: 6407, 6408, 6409, & 6410A through 6410g.

They include a burner & ceramic fiber log set.

The model & serial numbers are printed on a metal id tag attached to the burner.

You may contact the company at

www.lennoxhearthproducts.com by phone at 800.299.0027 or 800.638.2772.

Thank You,

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