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Buying or Selling a Home



What about Mold?

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Hello Firstname,

AIR QUALITY TESTING

There is much talk and confusion over environmental testing in today's world. When does testing need to be done? I can smell mold, but can't see it? We wanted to take the time to get into depth about what air quality testing really is and when it is needed.

No matter what the question may be, Canada's Restoration Services is here to help! If you have visible mold, we can provide a free inspection and estimate on the cleanup. If there is no visible mold, we can direct you in the right path with a third party environmentalist company who can determine the extent of the mold and how it should be cleaned.

WHAT IS AIR QUALITY TESTING?

Air Quality Testing or Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is exactly what it sounds like, checking the quality of air within a certain environment. It has become very popular in residential properties for landlord/tenants as well as when selling/buying a property. Commercial and industrial buildings will have an air quality test done for their employees to ensure a safe working environment.

Air Testing is used to identify any contaminants within the air such as carbon dioxide, toxic vapours, dust /fungi and ozone. The most common one of these is mold or mould (both mean the same thing, just one being US spelling). The reason air testing is so great is it breaks down not only the type of mold/dust particles, but their individual spore levels which is most important.

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHAT MOLD LEVELS ARE SAFE?

Seeing as how there is mold everywhere, the levels of mold is what makes it dangerous to your health. If the levels are higher in your living/working environment than what is in the outside environment around you, then it poses a risk. Depending on where you live, will change what could cause health symptoms. For instance, if you live by a forest, woods, or lake there will be more mold spores given the natural environment. This does not mean it is not safe to live there, but if you have a sensitivity to mold/dust particles, you may notice health symptoms associated.

HOW IS AIR TESTING DONE?

When an air test is being performed, there are a minimum of two samples being taken. One taken from the area of concern and one taken from outside or in the controlled environment. If there are several rooms or areas of concern, than multiple samples will be taken. Once the samples are taken, they will be sent to a lab where they will then analyze. Once the results are done, you will receive a report that breaks down the types of mold found along with the mold spore levels. If the levels of spores are higher than what is in the control then there is an issue. The report will give you a score of not elevated, moderate, or elevated.

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