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Code Enforcement Office is tasked
with ensuring the Codes and
Ordinances of the city are adhered to.
The office operates under the
leadership of the Director, Department
of Inspections. Your feedback on our
performance is always welcome as we
strive to find the best balance between
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MOLD PREVENTION AND CONTROL

TIPS ON PREVENTION AND CONTROL

The mold that a growing number of builders and homeowners are encountering poses significant problems. Unchecked mold growth on interior wood, wallboard, paper, and carpet has been blamed for serious illnesses. It can be exceedingly difficult to eradicate and has even rendered some buildings uninhabitable. This mold has the same root causes as food mold. Tiny spores—less than 4 microns in size—land on damp spots when excessive moisture or water accumulates indoors. These spores then begin digesting whatever they are growing on in order to survive and spread.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, there is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment. But mold can be controlled by controlling moisture. It takes a concerted and concentrated effort to maintain a mold-resistant building. Building owners and tenants must be observant and take immediate steps to maintain existing buildings and their systems to prevent moisture from accumulating.

Here are some common-sense precautions that builders, homeowners, and/or building owners can follow to avoid mold and ensure health and safety when building or maintaining a structure.

- Fix leaky plumbing and leaks in the building envelope as soon as possible.

- Watch for condensation and wet spots.

- Fix sources of moisture problems as soon as possible.

- Prevent moisture caused by condensation by increasing surface temperature or reducing the moisture level in the air (humidity).

- Insulate or increase air circulation to increase surface temperature.

- Increase ventilation (if outside air is cold and dry), or dehumidify (if outdoor air is warm and humid) to reduce the moisture level in the air, and repair ventilation leaks.

- Keep heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning drip pans clean, flowing properly, and unobstructed.

- Vent moisture-generating appliances, such as dryers, to the outside where possible.

- Maintain low indoor humidity, below 60 percent relative humidity (RH), ideally 30 to 50 percent, if possible.

- Adhere to a regular schedule of building/HVAC inspections and maintenance.

- Provide drainage outside foundation walls, and slope the ground away from the foundation to speed drying after rainfalls.

NOTE: *Code Enforcement Officers in the City of Hinesville are not certified in mold identification or mitigation. A proper assessment of mold presence or types should be made by a person certified in this field.*

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