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Mold Prevention Checklist

PRACTICAL STEPS TO HELP PREVENT MOLD IN YOUR HOME

Mold needs moisture to grow. Controlling leaks, humidity and condensation can reduce the risk of visible and hidden mold. Use this checklist to help reduce moisture problems and recognize when it's time to schedule a mold inspection.

IMMEDIATELY

- ☐ Wipe up standing water promptly.
- ☐ Repair dripping faucets.
- ☐ Dry condensation from windows and other surfaces.
- ☐ Use exhaust fans during (and for at least 20 minutes after) showers or cooking.

MONTHLY

- ☐ Inspect caulk around tubs, showers and sinks for gaps or cracks.
- ☐ Look around refrigerators, dishwashers and water heaters for signs of hidden leaks.
- ☐ Examine washing machine hoses, connections, and the area behind and beneath the washing machine for signs of water or leaks.
- ☐ Watch for visible mold or musty odors around HVAC vents.
- ☐ Keep HVAC condensation drain lines clear.
- ☐ Check the HVAC drain pan for standing water.
- ☐ Replace HVAC air filters according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

SEASONALLY

- ☐ Inspect the attic for signs of roof leaks, damp insulation or water stains.
- ☐ Watch for excess moisture or signs of poor attic ventilation.
- ☐ Maintain space between mulch, soil and siding, and trim shrubs and landscaping so moisture does not collect against exterior walls.
- ☐ Keep gutters clear of leaves and debris.
- ☐ Ensure downspouts direct water away from the foundation.
- ☐ Make sure sprinkler systems do not spray the home's exterior.
- ☐ Have the HVAC system serviced to help prevent moisture-related issues.

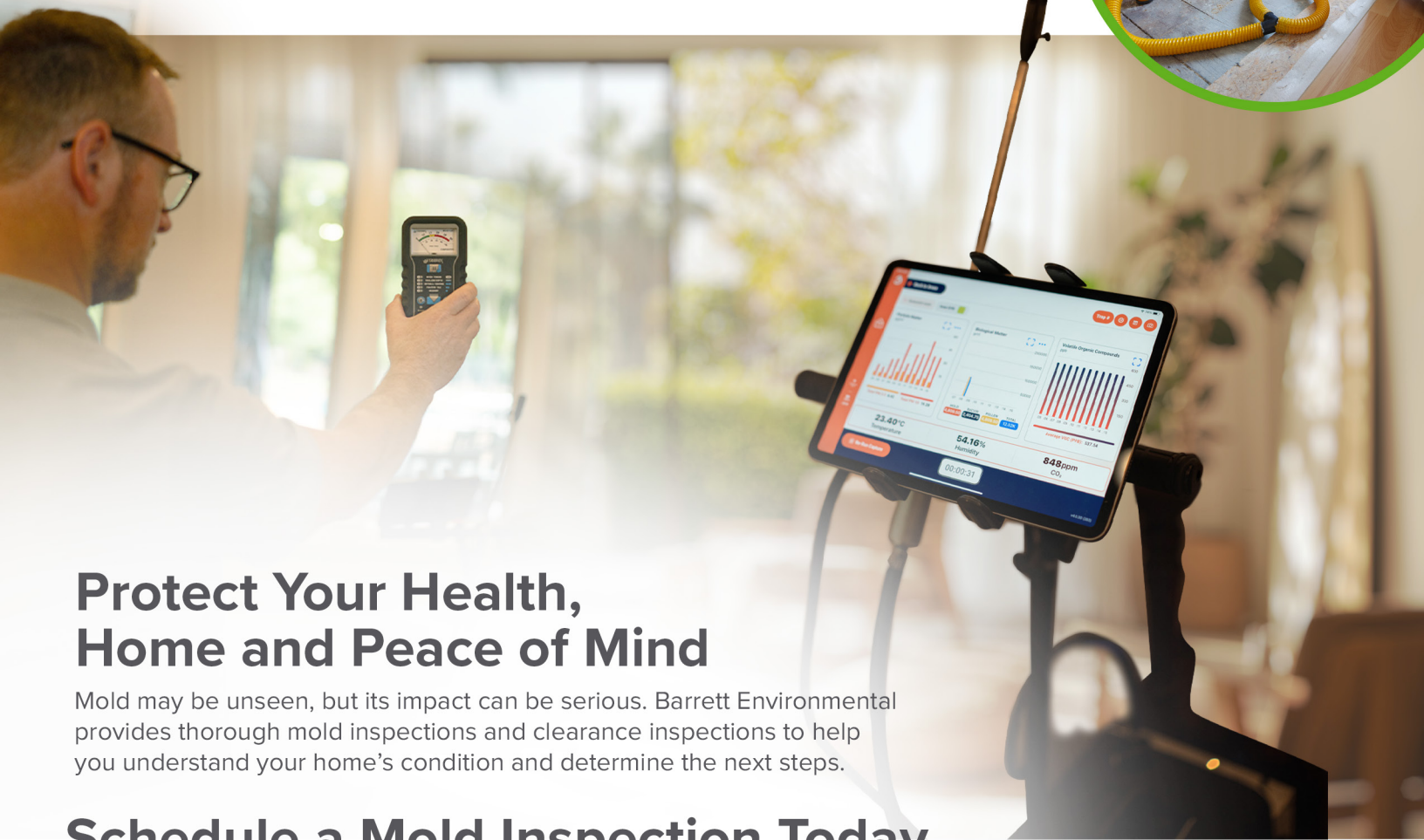


AFTER WATER DAMAGE

- ☐ Dry wet materials within 24 to 48 hours.
- ☐ Remove and replace materials that cannot be completely dried.
- ☐ Monitor repaired areas for signs of recurring moisture.

WHEN TO SCHEDULE A MOLD INSPECTION

- ☐ Recent flooding, plumbing leaks or other significant water intrusion.
- ☐ Noticing a musty smell that doesn't go away or has no obvious source.
- ☐ Water stains that continue to spread or return.
- ☐ Visible mold growth on walls, ceilings or other surfaces.
- ☐ Respiratory symptoms that seem worse while indoors.
- ☐ Concerns about hidden mold before buying or selling a home.



Protect Your Health, Home and Peace of Mind

Mold may be unseen, but its impact can be serious. Barrett Environmental provides thorough mold inspections and clearance inspections to help you understand your home's condition and determine the next steps.

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