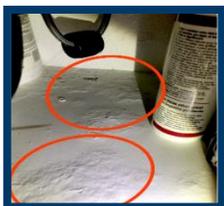


5 SIGNS OF WATER DAMAGE

The secret to looking for mold is to look for the five signs of water damage.



1. BUBBLING

Water can absorb into some materials. When this happens, it can create a bubbling effect.



2. BUCKLING & SEPARATING

Water can cause building materials to warp and pull away from one another.



3. PEELING & CRACKING

Water can cause building materials to peel, crack, or rot away.



4. RUST & EFFLORESCENCE

Water can cause a chemical reaction that can lead to rust on metal or a white powdery substance on concrete.



5. STAINING

Water can stain building materials resulting in a slight change in color. It is often overlooked when there is no visible mold growth.

*For step-by-step support navigating the inspection and remediation process, visit our **"Start Here"** tab at [ChangeTheAirFoundation.org](https://www.ChangeTheAirFoundation.org)*

Additional Resources

- "Checklist: Where to Look for Mold & Water Damage"
- "Moisture Basics"
- "Questions to Ask When Hiring an IEP"
- "Three Key People in Your Remediation Project"