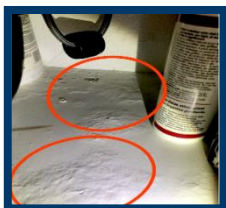


## 5 SIGNS OF WATER DAMAGE

*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.



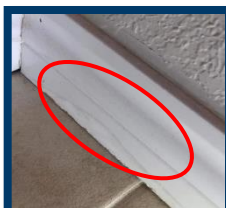
### 3. PEELING & CRACKING

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"

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