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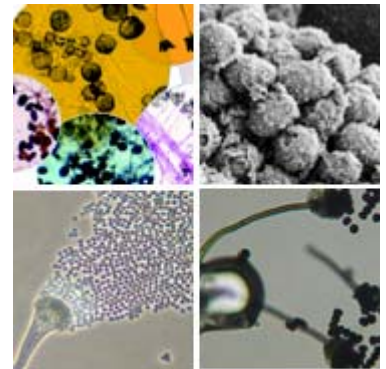
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THE TRUTH ABOUT MOLD

There is always some mold everywhere - in the air and on many surfaces. Molds have been on the Earth for millions of years. Mold grows where there is moisture.

Mold and Your Health

Exposure to damp and moldy environments may cause a variety of health effects, or none at all. Some people are sensitive to molds. For these people, molds can cause nasal stuffiness, throat irritation, coughing or wheezing, eye irritation, or, in some cases, skin irritation. People with mold allergies may have more severe reactions. Immune-compromised people and people with chronic lung illnesses, such as obstructive lung disease, may get serious infections in their lungs when they are exposed to mold. These people should stay away from areas that are likely to have mold, such as compost piles, cut grass, and wooded areas.



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TIP OF THE MONTH

Valuable Measures

Ever wonder who decided what 'standard units' of measurements should be? A "foot" got its name from the length of King Charlemagne's foot. An inch was the distance between knuckles on King Edgar's index finger. A yard was the distance between King Henry I's nose and thumb. The distance of a mile was determined by counting 1,000 steps of a Roman Legion. Standard units of measure make it easy to communicate size and shapes. If you are out shopping and don't have a ruler handy, just take out a quarter. It's exactly 1 inch across or a dollar bill, which measures 6 inches across

MAY RAFFLE

From now until the end of May, all of our clients will be entered to win a \$100 HOME DEPOT gift certificate.

APRIL'S WINNER
Tony Elhayek
of Waterbury

ASK DAVE



Dave Muirhead—President
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Q. How do I tell the difference between termites and flying ants?

A. Flying ants and swarming termites are often difficult to tell apart. Termites have relatively straight, beadlike antennae while ants have elbowed antennae. Termites have two pair of wings (front and back) that are of almost equal length. Ants also have two pair of wings but the fore wings are much larger than the hind wings. The abdomen of the termite is broadly joined to the thorax while the abdomen and thorax of the ant are joined by a narrow waist called a petiole.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT MOLD . . . continued

A link between other adverse health effects, such as acute idiopathic pulmonary hemorrhage among infants, memory loss, or lethargy, and molds, including the mold *Stachybotrys chartarum* (*Stachybotrys atra*), has not been proven. Further studies are needed to find out what causes acute idiopathic hemorrhage and other adverse health effects.

Mold and Your Home

Mold is found both indoors and outdoors. Mold can enter your home through open doorways, windows, vents, and heating and air conditioning systems. Mold in the air outside can also attach itself to clothing, shoes, bags, and pets and can be carried indoors. Mold growth will occur in places with excess moisture, such as around leaks in roofs, windows, or pipes, or where there has been flooding. Mold grows well on paper products, cardboard, ceiling tiles, and wood products. Mold can also grow on dust, paints, wallpaper, insulation, drywall, carpet, fabric, and upholstery.

You Can Control Mold

Inside your home you can control mold growth by:

- Keeping humidity levels between 40% and 60%;
- Promptly fixing leaky roofs, windows, and pipes;
- Thoroughly cleaning and drying after flooding;
- Ventilating shower, laundry, and cooking areas.

Mold growth, which often looks like spots, can be many different colors, and can smell musty. If you can see or smell mold, a health risk may be present.

JOKE OF THE MONTH

Three ladies were discussing the travails of getting older. One said, "Sometimes I catch myself with a jar of mayonnaise in my hand, while standing in front of the refrigerator, and I can't remember whether I need to put it away, or start making a sandwich."

The second lady chimed in with, "Yes, sometimes I find myself on the landing of the stairs and can't remember whether I was on my way up or on my way down."

The third one responded, "Well, ladies, I'm glad I don't have that problem. Knock on wood," as she rapped her knuckles on the table, and then said, "That must be the door, I'll get it!"

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

May 17, 1792 - Two dozen merchants and brokers established the New York Stock Exchange. In good weather they operated under a buttonwood tree on Wall Street. In bad weather they moved inside to a coffeehouse to conduct business.

May 17, 1875 - The first Kentucky Derby horse race took place at Churchill Downs in Louisville.

May 24, 1844 - Telegraph inventor Samuel Morse sent the first official telegraph message "What hath God wrought?" from the Capitol building in Washington to Baltimore.

May 25 - Memorial Day in the U.S., also called Decoration Day for the tradition of decorating soldiers' graves with flowers. The observance dates from Civil War years, with the first documented observance on May 5, 1865.

Birthday - John Fitzgerald Kennedy (1917-1963) the 35th U.S. President was born in Brookline, Massachusetts. He was the youngest man ever elected to the presidency and the first Roman Catholic. He was assassinated in Dallas, November 22, 1963, the fourth U.S. President to be killed by an assassin.

FROM TAMARIA'S KITCHEN

Jalapeno Hush Puppies:

- 1 1/2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce
- 1/4 cup minced onions
- 2 fresh jalapenos, minced
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup milk

Preheat a frying pan with about 1 inch of oil. In a mixing bowl, combine the cornmeal, flour, baking powder, salt, hot sauce, onions, and jalapenos, together. Stir in the eggs and milk. Stir until completely mixed. Carefully drop a rounded tablespoon of batter into the hot oil. Fry the hushpuppies for 1-2 minutes on both sides until they are golden brown. Remove from the oil and drain on a paper-lined plate.



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