

# UNION CITY HOUSING AUTHORITY MOLD CONTROL AND REMEDATION POLICY

The Union City Housing Authority recognizes the importance to identify and find remedy for mold exposure.

Mold are microscopic organisms found everywhere in the environment, indoors and outdoors. Most molds are harmless but in some cases it can cause infections, allergy symptoms and produce toxins.

Symptoms and health effects of mold exposure can be runny nose, eye irritation, cough/congestion, sneezing, skin rash, aggravation of asthma, for which a doctor report or blood test can identify.

Our role is to assure the safety and health of residents and the Housing Authority will make every effort to maintain a clean environment by providing assistance in addressing mold related elimination, (Professional Services).

The Union City Housing Authority will follow recommendation from OSHA.gov to alleviate and perform maintenance standards as part of a routine maintenance as reported by our inspector on a yearly basis or as reported by residents who might have concerns about mold in their units.

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE:

1. Visual assessment (yearly inspections)
2. Resident Report (on a one per one basis)
3. Draining systems check up
4. Appropriate ventilation in kitchen and bathrooms to prevent condensation
5. Airducts clean ups
6. Replacement of filters
7. Removal of water damage areas as soon as identified
8. Maintain all hard surfaces dry and cleaned specially if exposed to water

The Housing Authority will follow and provide OSHA QUICK CARD (attachment to policy), and Healthy Homes brochure provided by HUD, to residents upon request.