Swift Restoration and Remodeling Corrects Dangerous Mold Removal Misconception Among Northern Utah Homeowners

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Swift Restoration and Remodeling, a leading damage restoration company serving Northern Utah, is addressing a widespread and potentially harmful misconception that bleach effectively eliminates household mold. The company emphasizes that while bleach may appear to remove mold from surfaces, it often fails to address the root problem and can actually worsen mold growth in porous materials.

According to the restoration specialists, bleach only works effectively on hard, non-porous surfaces such as tile and glass. When applied to common building materials like drywall, wood, and carpet, bleach kills only the surface mold while leaving the root structure alive underneath. The water content in bleach adds moisture to these porous materials, potentially accelerating mold regrowth within weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency both advise against using bleach on porous surfaces for mold remediation, supporting the position that Swift Restoration and Remodeling has maintained throughout its years of service in the region.

"Homeowners in Ogden and Layton often reach for bleach thinking they're solving their mold problem, but they're actually creating conditions for it to return stronger," said Darin Jenks, restoration specialist at Swift Restoration and Remodeling. "We encourage residents to skip the DIY bleach approach and call for a free professional estimate within 24 hours of discovering mold. Early intervention with proper techniques can prevent extensive damage and health complications."

The company recently responded to a case in Farmington where hidden bathroom wall mold from a slow shower valve leak had gone undetected for months. The homeowner had been experiencing unexplained health symptoms and had repeatedly cleaned visible mold with bleach, unaware that extensive growth was occurring behind the walls. Swift Restoration and Remodeling identified the moisture source, removed the contaminated materials, and properly remediated the area.

For homeowners concerned about preventing spring runoff water damage, which often leads to mold growth, early preparation is essential. Water intrusion from snowmelt can create ideal conditions for mold development in basements and crawl spaces throughout Northern Utah properties.

Proper mold remediation involves several critical steps that go beyond surface cleaning. The process includes removing contaminated materials that cannot be salvaged, HEPA vacuuming to capture airborne spores, applying antimicrobial treatments designed specifically for mold elimination, and, most importantly, identifying and eliminating the moisture source that allowed mold to grow initially.

A professional mold inspection can identify problems that may not be visible to homeowners. Mold often grows in hidden areas such as behind walls, under flooring, and in HVAC systems where moisture accumulates unnoticed.

Swift Restoration and Remodeling provides comprehensive mold remediation services throughout Northern Utah, including Ogden, Layton, Farmington, Kaysville, Bountiful, and Brigham City. The company holds certification from the Institute of Inspection Cleaning and Restoration Certification and maintains a team of trained restoration specialists equipped with state-of-the-art detection and remediation equipment. The company offers 24/7 emergency response services and works directly with insurance providers to facilitate claims processing for covered mold damage.

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