

Mold Testing Procedures

Air samples are taken outside the home, and compared to samples taken inside the home. Two samples are taken outdoors...one on the windward side, and one on the leeward side. Ideally, the indoor and outdoor samples would match, since you would expect to find the same species of mold, and in the same concentrations, inside and outside the home.

Samples must be taken certain distances from the ground, indoor ventilation sources and HVAC vents, and during certain weather conditions. If a mold testing procedure is corrupted by poor protocol, you may as well not have the test performed. The results are unreliable and useless. Test results can be compromised by something as simple as poor calibration of testing equipment, samples taken too close to a home ventilation source, or too far from a heating register. It is a very complex procedure and should only be conducted by an experienced inspector trained and certified to do so.

Is there a lot of mold?

If there is a large area with evidence of mold, a professional abatement company may be needed to clean the area and eliminate the source of moisture that enabled the mold to grow.