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Government Warns About the Dangers of Mold

On October 29, 2012, Superstorm Sandy made landfall along the Eastern Seaboard and caused extensive damage from Connecticut to New Jersey. Many areas around New York City were especially hard hit, with some emergency management officials estimating that nearly 200,000 houses had been flooded and need restoration services. As the time lag between the initial flooding and an appropriate response continues to grow, mold contamination has become more prevalent.

As you might suspect, there have been many news reports and government announcements about the dangers that mold poses to the health of individuals living or working in such structures. Surprisingly, those reports and warnings did not include the description of a comprehensive process that homeowners and volunteer groups could use to rid a building of fungus while protecting themselves and the property. Instead, the information ranged from vague (if it is not too bad, clean it off with soap and water), to ineffective (spray it with bleach), to unhelpful (if there is a lot of mold, hire a professional contractor-in spite of the fact that most of the homes left to be fixed are in low income areas and that neither insurance policies nor FEMA grants cover the cost of mold clean-up), to fraudulent (advertisements for spray-on mold treatments even though the sellers know that wet porous materials must be removed and the structural members dried to protect the occupants).

Fortunately, Wonder Makers was able to partner with a volunteer group serving low income areas to develop a comprehensive program for cleaning and mold treatment of flooded buildings. You can learn about All Hands Volunteers and the program developed for them to assist with moldy structures by following the link below. This thorough, yet efficient, cleaning process employs the application of anti-microbial cleaners in a foam rather than liquid format, and is aptly titled the Sandy Solution. Contact Wonder Makers if you would like to learn how to support non-profit organizations assisting with recovery from Hurricane Sandy.

To access this article on our website click on the **Hurricane Sandy Article** link on our homepage at www.WonderMakers.com.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

[Mold Remediation Technician](#)

January 22-24: Kalamazoo, MI

[Build Broader Markets from Specialized Skills](#)

February 5: Kalamazoo, MI

[Post Remediation Evaluation: Basics of Fungal Sampling for the Restoration Contractor](#)

February 6: Kalamazoo, MI

[Meth Lab Cleanup](#)

February 7: Kalamazoo, MI

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