



## 15 Basement Mold Prevention Tips - Checklist

This checklist is an extension to our blog post here: <http://cleanfirst.ca/15-ways-to-prevent-mold-growth-in-your-basement/>

We decided to help you take action in attaining a mold-free household by summarizing all the tips together into a checklist.

The best way to use this document is to print it out and tackle each task individually. You may not be able to resolve some of these issues yourself (eg. If your exhaust fan vents are directed to the attic, rather than outdoors), but at the very least, you will be aware of them and can decide whether or not to have someone come in and take a look at it.

There is no better solution to mold removal than prevention. By following this checklist, you can ensure a household that is mold free and a healthy environment for your family and loved ones.

#	Task	Completed?
1	Clean and Vacuum your floors using a HEPA filter	
2	Wipe down leaks and spills. Use a dehumidifier if there has been a flood.	
3	Remove items that can hold moisture in your basement, or store them in a plastic container if necessary	
4	Discard clutter - clothes, cardboard boxes, old furniture etc.	
5	Repair all pipe leaks	
6	Make sure that your gutters and downspouts aren't blocked	
7	Ensure that tubs, sinks, and other plumbing are properly sealed	
8	Ensure that exhaust fan vents are directed outdoors and not to the attic or crawl spaces	
9	If you have a clothes dryer, make sure that its vent is releasing its air outside.	
10	Check the indoor humidity percentage. It should not exceed 60% in the basement.	
11	Insulate your basement windows and water pipes with pipe sleeves or fiber glass	
12	Remove carpeting in your basement	
13	Remove plants in your basement	
14	Check and ensure that gutters and drainage pipes are pointed away from the house, and that there is no source of water deposit near the basement	
15	Check your crawl spaces and ensure that the soil is covered with waterproof polyethylene plastic.	