

January 2012 Newsletter

“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”
~ Bill Vaughn

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.” ~Mark Twain

“Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.”
~Benjamin Franklin

Mold Myths



Myth One: Mold is common in the crawlspace and is not harmful. ...**BUSTED!** We have been taught for years that a simple treatment will cure the mold problem under a home. It will not! First, the problem is not mold; the problem is water. The harmful part is that mold eats wood. So with respect to the wood floor the last thing you want covering it is a bed of mold.

Myth Two: The mold is dead! ...**BUSTED!** What is dead mold? Consider this: If mold eats mold, dead or alive, what is dead mold? An incubator for new mold to grow! This means you only kill the mold for the time being and as soon as the moisture returns so will the mold. Now you have twice the mold to eat your wood floor.

See next page for more Mold Myths!



Chocolate Snowballs Recipe

Ingredients: •Confectioners' sugar •3/4 cup butter,
•3/4 cup packed brown sugar •1 egg •1/4 cup milk
•1 teaspoon vanilla extract •2 cups all-purpose flour
•1/2 cup baking cocoa •1 teaspoon baking powder
•1/2 teaspoon salt •1/4 teaspoon baking soda

Directions: In a large bowl, cream butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy. Add the egg, milk and vanilla; mix well. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking powder, salt and baking soda; gradually add to creamed mixture. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Shape into 1-in. balls; place 2 in. apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 7-8 minutes or until tops are crackled. Remove to wire racks to cool completely. Roll in confectioners' sugar. Yield: 6 dozen.



Mold Myths Continued

Myth Three: I don't have mold; I have wood decaying fungus. ...**BUSTED!** A good thought but not true. Wood decaying fungus looks like a mushroom. It is a plant and named in the fungi family (mold). The difference between common mold and wood decaying fungus is that wood decaying fungus, as described in a Wood Infestation Report, is a special mold that consumes southern yellow pine (it eats pine trees). The reason it is recorded on the WIR is due to its consumption rate. It can eat your wood floor in 8 to 15 years. The more water you have the faster it eats. Consider this: a home is chemically treated once every two years for mold. How many layers of mold will be present at 12 years? And how much good wood will remain?

In the next 5 years, industry standards will recommend cleaning over treatment.

To sum it all up, there are NO common crawlspace molds! ALL crawlspace molds are harmful!

Look forward to next months issue where we will show you the keys to locating the problem and how to fix it.

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