

GUIDE TO LOCAL LAW 55 OF 2018 **INDOOR MOLD HAZARD WORK PRACTICES**

VIOLATIONS ISSUED AFTER JANUARY 19TH, 2019

If your multiple dwelling is under 10 units OR a “Class A” violation was issued in a multiple dwelling with 10 or more units, you are **not** required to hire licensed mold remediation and mold assessment contractors. However, the safe work practices in §27-2017.9 of Local Law 55 and 28 RCNY §54-04 must be followed when assessing and correcting **any** mold hazard(s) and underlying defects (such as moisture or leak conditions).

Please note that if licensed mold contractors (both assessment and remediation contractors) are hired they must perform work in compliance with [Article 32 of New York State Labor Law](#).

To find licensed mold contractors in your area, visit <https://www.labor.ny.gov/> and use the available Licensed Mold Contractors Search Tool.

Safe Work Practice Requirements

- Seal ventilation ducts/grills and other openings in the work area with plastic sheeting;
- Isolate the work area with plastic sheeting and covering egress pathways;
- Clean or gently mist surfaces with a dilute soap or detergent solution prior to removal;
- Using HEPA vacuum-shrouded tools or a vacuum equipped with a HEPA filter at the point of dust generation;
- Clean mold with soap or detergent and water;
- Remove and discard materials that cannot be cleaned properly;
- Properly remove and discard plastic sheeting, cleaning implements, and contaminated materials in sealed, heavy weight plastic bags;
- Clean any remaining visible dust from the work area using wet cleaning methods or HEPA vacuuming; and
- Leave the work area dry and visibly free from mold, dust, and debris.

In accordance with Local Law 55 of 2018, violations will be upgraded as follows: “Class A” violations will be automatically upgraded to a “Class B” if the correction of the mold hazard(s) has not been made within the certification period and the condition still exists or if a “Class A” violation was falsely certified. “Class B” violations will be upgraded to a “Class C” if the mold hazard(s) has not been certified as corrected within the certification time period and HPD has re-inspected the violation and the condition still exists or a “Class B” violation is falsely certified.