



The Machado 18 Sources of Indoor Air Quality Problems



Landscape Irrigation: Over watering exterior walls can cause moisture to enter a building and quickly start mold and bacteria growing.



Plant Moss(sphagnum moss): Over watering plants can promote mold growth in the plant pot and on the underside of moss used to decorate plant pots.



Roof Leaks: This is another source of moisture for mold to grow; getting all the areas dried out quickly doesn't give mold a chance to grow.



Pipe Burst: This is an obvious source of moisture for mold to grow; the trick is getting it repaired quickly and fully drying out all the areas that were affected



Construction Dust: Can contaminate the HVAC system if it is left running. New construction materials can give off volatile organic compounds, (VOC's) which can be harmful.



Window Leaks: Getting the area dried out and repaired quickly will stop mold growth and the problem spreading.



People, animals, birds, etc: Airborne excretions and byproducts from the above can cause eye-irritation, allergies, eye-ear-nose-throat infections and asthma.



Plastic Carpet Savers: Are not routinely removed during housekeeping, thus dirt can accumulate. When moisture penetrates floor slabs it is trapped and mold and bacteria can grow.