

Proper Decontamination of Your Home

Cleaning Supply List:

[N-95 Respirator](#)

[409 cleaner spray](#)

[Disposable Rags](#)

[Shark High Efficiency Particular Arrestance \(HEPA\) Vacuum](#)

[Borax](#)

[Mattress Covers](#)

Decontamination of Floors/Carpets/Walls/Ceiling

When using a true HEPA (not HEPA-like) vacuum cleaner:

1. Make sure you vacuum from every angle of the floors, carpets, walls and ceiling with 50-60 passes.
2. Empty your vacuum cleaner outside.
 - Avoid breathing in the dust by wearing a N-95 respirator.
 - If your vacuum model is bag-less, use a disposable wipe to clean out the canister fully.
 - If your vacuum cleaner uses bags, ensure you wear protective gloves, respirator, and clothing as you do so to avoid carrying the spores back into your home.

Hard Surfaces

Clean all hard surfaces with 409 Spray.

Electronics

Clean the outer surfaces with 409 Spray. If the electronic has a vent, open the vent and HEPA vacuum the inside thoroughly.

Refrigerators need to be cleaned inside and out.

Furniture

Again, any hard surfaces can be cleaned with 409 multi-purpose spray. Any furniture with stuffing needs to be discarded as the mold spores can go beneath the outer fabric and into the stuffing. Anything that cannot be easily cleaned like unfinished wood needs to be discarded.

Mattresses

Once in a new or freshly decontaminated place, cover with a mattress cover and never open it again.

Clothes/Sheets/Linen

Wash all clothes in borax or dry-clean

Mix 1 cup of Borax to 1 gallon of water and soak them for half an hour before putting them in the wash. Always wash your hands after using borax and avoid getting it into your mouth or eyes. Once clean, seal in plastic bags and open when in a decontaminated place.

Shoes

You may keep anything you can clean the outer surface with 409 multi-purpose spray or wash in borax.

Pets

Wash dogs and furry friends with anti-fungal shampoo prior to re-entry.

Possessions you can clean and keep:

Non-porous items, e.g. metals, glass

- Jewelry
- Pottery (Only if glazed)
- Glassware
- Plates and dishes
- Cutlery
- Leather

Decorations

- Framed artwork (remove from frame, dust and reframe)

Possessions that cannot be cleaned, include:

Bedding

- Anything with down/foam filling (pillows and comforters)

Paper

- Paperwork & important documents
- Books
 - If books have not been opened during the time of exposure, you can simply clean the outside
- Photos
- Old letters
- Yearbooks

We recommend scanning in important and memorable documents and discarding or sealing away the hard copies (once sealed, they should not be opened again).

Toys

- Stuffed animals
- Plastic toys that are difficult to clean adequately

Open Consumables

- Open food packets
- Jars of rice, flour, spices etc.
- Open cosmetics and toiletries

Cleaning Supplies

- Rags
- Sponges