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**How to Remove Mildew**

If you are among the hundreds of persons who received water in their homes, thanks to Tropical Storm Agnes, you may have some mildew on household articles that needs to be removed.

**Clothing and Household Fabrics:** Remove mildew spots as soon as they are discovered. Don't give the mold a chance to weaken or rot the material. Brush off any surface mildew growth outdoors to prevent scattering the mildew spores in the house. Sun and air fabrics thoroughly. If any mildew spots remain, dryclean nonwashable articles and treat washable items as follows.

Wash mildew-stained articles with soap or detergent and water.

Rinse well and dry in the sun. If any stain remains, bleach with lemon juice and salt or use a bleach. A word of caution — test colored fabrics for colorfastness to the bleach. Do this on a seam allowance.

**Lemon juice and salt:** Moisten stain with mixture of lemon juice and salt. Spread in the sun to bleach. Rinse thoroughly.

**Chlorine bleach:** Mix 2 tablespoons of chlorine bleach with 1 quart of warm water. Sponge stain or soak in the solution from 5 to 15 minutes, then rinse thoroughly.

**Peroxygen bleach:** Mix 1 to 2 tablespoons of sodium perborate or a powdered bleach containing sodium perborate or potassium monopersulfate with 1 pint of

water. Sponge stain or soak in bleach solution for 30 minutes or longer, then rinse thoroughly.

**Upholstered Articles, Mattresses, Rugs:** Remove loose mold by brushing with a broom. Rinse a vacuum cleaner attachment brush over surface to draw out more of the mold. Remember that the mold spores are being drawn into the bag of the vacuum cleaner. If it has a disposable bag, remove and dispose of it immediately. If not, empty the bag carefully and dispose of the contents.

Do everything possible to dry the item — use an electric heater and a fan to carry away moist air. Sun and air the article to stop mold growth.

If mildew remains, wipe the article with a cloth wrung out of a solution of dilute alcohol (1 cup denatured or rubbing alcohol to 1 cup water). Dry the article thoroughly.

If molds have grown into the inner part of an article, it may be necessary to send it to a reliable disinfecting and fumigating service.

**Leather Goods:** Wipe with a dilute solution of alcohol (1 cup denatured or rubbing alcohol to 1 cup water). Dry in a current of air. Polish leather articles with a good wax.

**Wood:** Clean mildew from wooden surfaces by scrubbing with a mild alkali, such as washing soda (4 to 6 tablespoons

**Fulton Grange Hosts County Grange Meeting**

Fulton Grange 66, meeting in regular session Monday night at Oakryn, was host to the county Granges. Colerain officers filled the chairs for opening and closing the meeting. Richard Holloway, Master of Fulton Grange, presided at the business session when the Grange gave a \$50 donation to the Red Cross Flood Disaster fund.

Six members of Fulton Grange are attending the State Grange Leadership School being held at Gettysburg College June 27, 28 and 29.

Norman Wood gave a legislative report.

Miss Helen Wanner, Lecturer of Salisbury Grange, presented the program which opened with group singing "America The Beautiful." It was followed by a roll call with each one telling a place they visited that they thought was a beautiful place. Miss Wanner gave a reading "Thank You America." Chester Eby Jr gave a talk on "Ecology In Stockholm." Readings "Exposed Plumbing" and "A Comeback For Chewing

Tobacco" were given by Ralph Wanner and Mrs. Alfred Wanner Sr.

The program at the next meeting will be on "Safety" and the Junior Grange will conduct a paper drive. The Pomona chorus will hold rehearsal at the conclusion of the meeting.

July 11, Fulton Grange officers will open and close the meeting at Salisbury Grange which will meet at White Horse Fire Hall. July 24, Fulton Grange will hold their annual picnic on the Grange hall grounds, followed by a talent program.

**Meeting on Food Preservation Set**

The Cooperative Extension Service will conduct a demonstration of the proper methods of canning fruits and vegetables on Wednesday, July 12 from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon at the Central Presbyterian Church, Downingtown. The church is located on route 113 just north of business route 30.

Preregistration is requested Call or write the Extension Office, 402 North Wing, Courthouse, West Chester, Pa. 19380. Telephone 696-3500.

The home canning of fruits and vegetables has taken on new popularity in the past several years. It is one of the economies some families use to cut down food costs. Some homemakers find a great deal of satisfaction in having home canned products ready to use during the winter months. Others are interested in having a safe food supply. But, how many of these home canners really know and understand the basic principles of food preservation and the methods necessary to insure the safety of the food?

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