

# got mold?<sup>®</sup> test kit

Real Science, Real Simple<sup>™</sup>



## Quick Start Guide

APPLY KIT ID LABEL HERE

QUALITY ASSURED 

INSPECTED BY:

USE BY:



Assembled in the USA by people being paid a fair wage.

## A Few Important Things to Keep in Mind



*This kit detects airborne mold spores using spore traps.  
The lab results and report are for informational purposes only.*



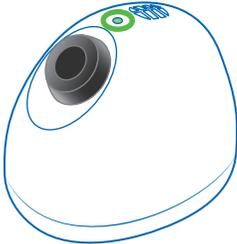
*The GOT MOLD? Test Kit is not to be used as a substitute  
for professional testing performed by a qualified inspector.*



*If you are experiencing health concerns which you think  
may be mold-related, please seek medical advice.*

**Now, let's get started!**

# Contents of Your Kit



**BioVac™ Air Sampling Pump**  
*(not included with refills)*



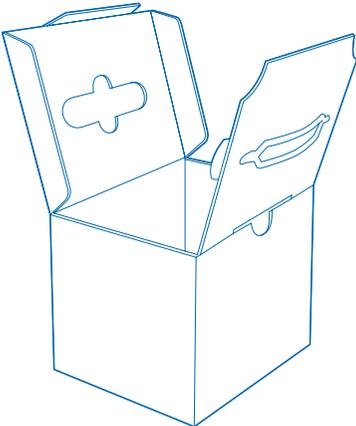
**AA Batteries**



**Outside AirTrap® Cassette**



**Indoor AirTrap® Cassette(s)**



**Reusable Box #1 for BioVac™**



**Box #2 • Return Mailer**

Prepare Your  
House

Select Areas  
to Test

Activate Your  
Kit

Get Your  
Air Pump Ready

## 1 Prepare Your House

*Time: 2-3 days*

- Keep exterior doors and windows closed as much as possible for at least 2-3 days before and during sample collection.
- Turn off all standalone air filters and air purifiers for 2-3 days.
- Do NOT turn off the heating and/or air conditioning systems.
- Do NOT mow grass, rake leaves, or otherwise disturb the property on the day of sampling.
- Choose a day when it's not raining or snowing for the best results.
- If you've done all this... ***THEN YOU'RE GOOD TO GO!***



*All samples must be collected at the same property, the same day, within one hour.*

*Failure to follow these instructions will invalidate your results.*

Collect Your  
Samples

Prepare Samples  
for Return

Mail Your  
Samples

Get Your  
Report

## 2 Select Areas to Test

*Time: As needed*

- Focus on rooms where people frequently experience symptoms, where a musty/damp odor is present, there has been a history of water damage, or where you may have noticed excess moisture or possible mold growth.
- *Record your selections on the Sampling Worksheet on the next page.*

**PRO TIP!** For details on how to perform a thorough inspection, download our comprehensive guide, *How to Find Mold in Your Home*, available at: [gotmold.com/htfm](http://gotmold.com/htfm) or scan the QR code here.



# Sampling Worksheet

Use this area to record the locations where you will be collecting air samples. *You will be asked for this information during kit activation and sample submission in the next step.*

**OUTDOOR SAMPLE** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(required)* *example: Outside Front Door*

**INDOOR SAMPLE #1** \_\_\_\_\_  
*example: Living Room*

**INDOOR SAMPLE #2** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if applicable)*

**INDOOR SAMPLE #3** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if applicable)*

**INDOOR SAMPLE #4** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if applicable)*

**INDOOR SAMPLE #5** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if applicable)*



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### 3

## Activate Your Kit & Register Sampling Details

*Time: 10 minutes*

- **Express:** Scan QR code to the right. Then create a new account or login.

———— or ————

**Manual:** Go to [gotmold.com/activate](https://gotmold.com/activate)

Then create a new account or login.

“Activate Your Kit” with the unique KIT ID#.

———— then ————

- **Enter your Sampling Details:** Includes who collected the samples, where they were collected, and where to send the report.
- **Review & Confirm:** Once you’ve submitted your details and received confirmation, please proceed to the collection of your samples.

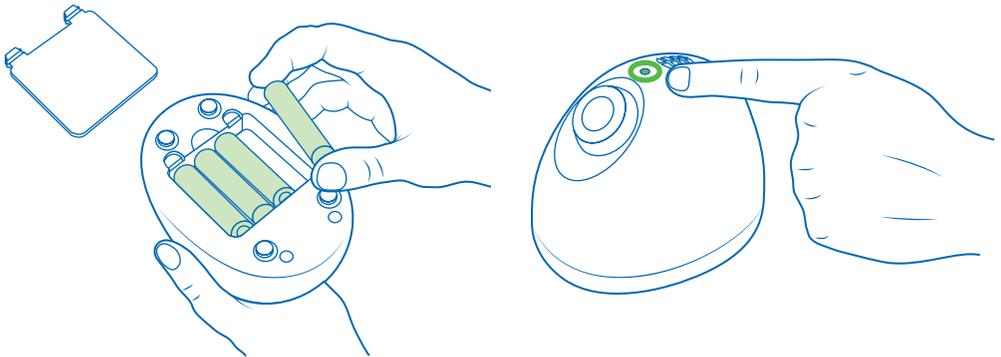


*You must activate your kit and register your sampling details before sending your samples to the lab. Failure to do so will prevent your samples from being processed.*

## 4 Get Your BioVac™ Ready

*Time: 2 minutes*

- Open Box #1 and remove the BioVac air sampling pump.
- Put four new, brand-name AA alkaline batteries into the pump.\*



**NOTE:** *The green light on top of the unit means the batteries are in correctly. If no light appears, please check the orientation and try again.*

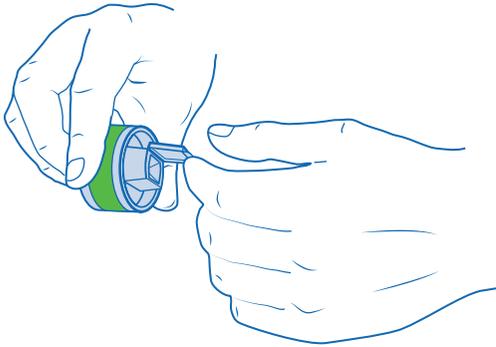
*\* If someone passed a BioVac along to you and it still has batteries in it, replace them with new, brand name batteries for optimal results.*

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## Collect Outdoor Reference Sample *(required\*)*

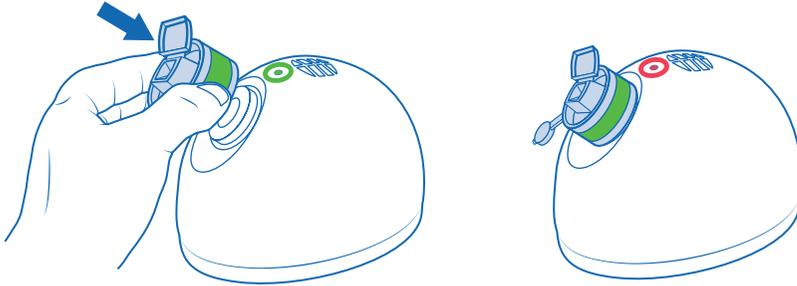
*Time: 7 minutes*

- Remove and open Box #2, which contains the AirTrap cassettes. Box #2 is also a prepaid return mailer. You will use it to send the samples to the lab for analysis.
- Remove the (green) outdoor AirTrap cassette from the box.
- Open the caps fully on both ends.

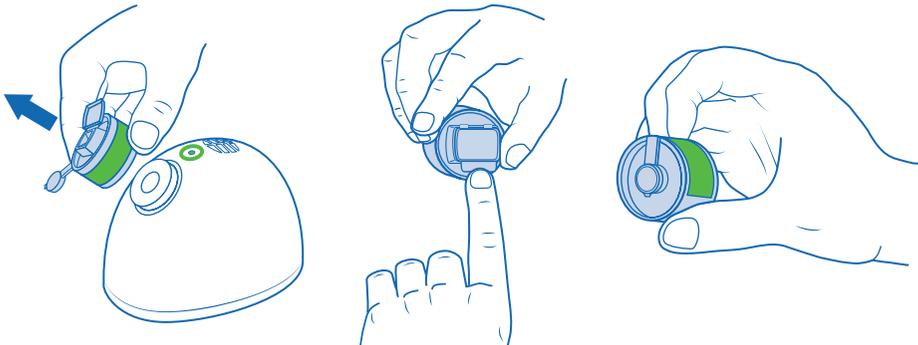


*\* The outside sample is required for analysis and creation of your report.*

- Place the cassette snugly onto the BioVac air sampling pump.



- Then place the pump outside on a clean surface, 5-10 feet from the most-used entrance, at least 30" above ground.
- Press the gray button located on the top to start the BioVac. The light will turn **RED** for 5 minutes during sampling, and will automatically change back to **GREEN** when finished.
- Remove the cassette, firmly close both end caps, and return it to Box #2.

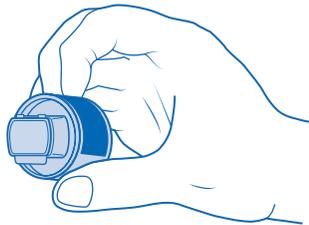


## 6 Collect Indoor Samples

*Time: 5 minutes each*

- Go to the location(s) you recorded on your Sampling Worksheet.
- Just as you did for the outdoor sample, open the caps fully on both ends of the first unused (blue) indoor cassette.
- Place the fresh cassette on the pump. Put it on a clean surface, at least 30" from the floor, near the center of the area or room. Then press the gray button to start.
- When complete, remove the cassette, firmly close both end caps, and return it to Box #2.
- Repeat with the other unused cassettes included in your kit.

KITCHEN  
BABY'S ROOM  
BASEMENT



**PRO TIP!** Spores naturally settle out of the air, so it can be helpful to slightly agitate the environment with fans (ceiling, HVAC, standalone, etc.), and human movement in the areas you are testing.

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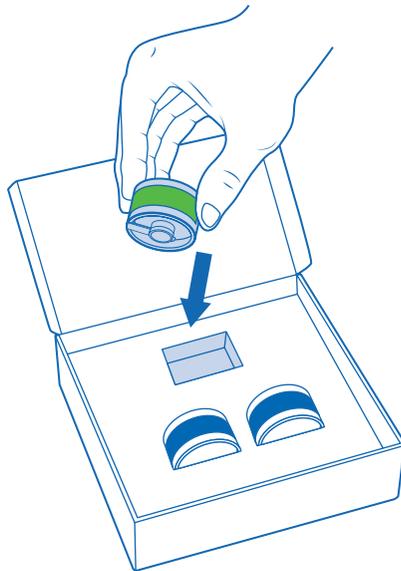
## Prepare Samples for Return

*Time: 2 minutes*

- Be sure **ALL** the cassettes are back in Box #2, which is the return mailer. They should be in the same slot from which they were originally removed.



*Did you activate  
the kit and register  
your sampling details?  
It is required for  
processing.*



## 8

### Mail Your Samples

*Time: 2 minutes*

- Peel the protective cover from the adhesive strip on the inner lid and seal the box.
- Drop the sealed box in the mail. No postage is necessary if mailed from within the United States. Shipping time may vary. You will be notified as soon as the lab receives your samples.

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### Get Your Report

*Time: Transit time plus 3 business days*

- Once received at the lab, you will be notified via SMS and/or email, depending upon your chosen method.
- Your report will be ready within three business days after samples are received by the lab, and will be delivered electronically via your chosen method.
- Track the status of your report at: [gotmold.com/status](https://gotmold.com/status)



## Disclaimer

The GOT MOLD? Test Kit is not a substitute for a mold inspection performed by a qualified professional. Its purpose is to be a cost-effective first step. Please do not make any major life decisions, such as planning remediation, filing lawsuits, relocating, etc., based solely upon the results from this, or any, do-it-yourself test kit.

If there are “alert conditions” detected using this kit, it’s highly recommended that you seek out a qualified mold assessment professional to perform a thorough physical inspection, perhaps additional testing, and provide a full written report with observations, recommendations, and a remediation plan, if needed.

This test kit uses professional air sampling cassettes known as spore traps, which collect microscopic particles floating in the air in the immediate area being sampled, at the time of sampling. These conditions are constantly changing and depend on many factors, such as ventilation and movement in the building. Given these variabilities, and that human sensitivities to mold range widely, the results from this kit are not to be considered a measure of exposure or risk, nor be used solely to determine if the building is “safe” or not.

Spore traps capture spores floating in the air. If there is a hidden mold problem—in a wall, for instance—this method may not detect it. Similarly, if the air in the room has been still for an extended time, spores may have settled out of the air, and the samples can look cleaner than expected.

In all cases, if you are experiencing health issues that you think may be building-related, please seek medical advice.

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## Don't throw away your pump!

Be kind to the planet, and your neighbor.  
Save it to test again, or share it with a friend  
who also cares about their air.



Refills start at just \$149 for one room.

[gotmold.com/supplies](https://gotmold.com/supplies)

R E C Y C L E

R E U S E

SAVE  
**\$50**



Standard kits come with fresh batteries. After samples have been collected, please remove the batteries and feel free to reuse them for any purpose.

# Resources & Support

For additional information, visit our Learning Center at:

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## Where is my report?

Go to: [gotmold.com/status](https://gotmold.com/status)

## Need to do more testing?

Order refills at: [gotmold.com/refills](https://gotmold.com/refills)

## Need help?

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