

## How to Remove Mildew Prior to Painting Bathrooms

Some painting projects can be a little bit more difficult than others. In particular, painting a bathroom can sometimes be a challenge, due to the moisture and high humidity that allow mold and mildew to grow on your ceiling and walls.

If you paint directly over the mold and mildew, it can still grow and develop under the paint, causing your new ceiling or wall paint to peel.

Here's an easy way to kill mold and mildew:

1. Mix 4 parts clean water with 1 part household bleach. To avoid creating harmful chlorine gas, it's very important that you don't mix bleach with any other household products that contain ammonia.
2. Wearing gloves and goggles, wipe the solution over the affected area.
3. Allow the affected area to dry.
4. Once dry, lightly sand, then you're ready to paint.

We recommend Benjamin Moore's Aura® Bath & Spa Paint, a premium interior paint in a desirable matte finish especially formulated for hot, steamy and humid environments. With its proprietary Color Lock® technology, mildew-resistant Aura Bath & Spa Paint delivers remarkable, durable, and exceptional color with hues that are richer, truer, and retain their color and integrity.

For best results, *ALWAYS READ THE PAINT CAN LABEL*. Professionals read the paint can labels to get the paint manufacturers' most up-to-date information and instructions on the use of each specific paint. Every paint is different, and the labels provide important information, such as the average coverage area per gallon, drying times, number of coats needed, and surface preparation requirements. The labels also give specific safety information that should be carefully adhered to.