

Mold-Resistant Gypsum-No Mold, Come Hell or High Water

WHAT IT IS: Minimize mold growth on walls by depriving mold of its favorite food: water treated gypsum wallboard products resist mold because they don't absorb moisture as easily as typical wall materials. To reduce the risk of mold growth, several manufacturers chemically treat the paper on both sides of the gypsum board; others eliminate the paper entirely and replace it with fiberglass mat facings or a gypsum-cellulose combination. The result is a mold-resistant wall panel that helps maintain good indoor air quality, while reducing the probability of costly replacement or remediation—and even litigation.



WHY IT'S A PATH FAVORITE:

- **Maintenance & Durability:** Because it doesn't absorb water or support mold growth, mold-resistant gypsum often doesn't need to be replaced if it is exposed to excess amounts of water.
- **Safety & Disaster Resistance:** This wallboard stands up to the elements and is less prone to damage from flooding.
- **Indoor Air Quality:** Because mold won't grow on the walls, the indoor air quality will be better.

INITIAL COST:

Approximately 50% more than ½" gypsum board.

OPERATIONAL COST:

None.

U.S. CODE ACCEPTANCE:

The International Residential Code (IRC) regulates interior wall coverings in section R702. There are no known issues with code acceptance of these products.

INSTALLATION:

The dimensions, installation methods, and finishing techniques are exactly the same as traditional gypsum drywall products. Typically, panels are nailed or screwed to the framing and finished with joint compound.

WARRANTY:

Warranties vary, ranging from a warranty for no defects at the time of shipment to a 3-year warranty on manufacturer defects.

BENEFITS FOR HOMEOWNERS:

- Mold-resistant gypsum board can help maintain good indoor air quality.
- Due to the fact that mold is less likely to grow on it, this product requires less maintenance and is more likely to survive water damage than traditional wall materials.