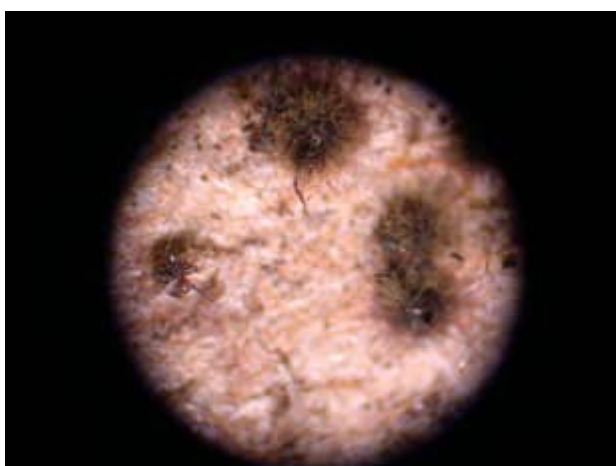


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Chaetomium - Chaetomium is a large ascomycetous fungus producing perithecia. It is found on a variety of substrates containing cellulose including paper and plant compost. It can be readily found on the damp or water damaged paper in sheetrock. It is characterized by densely hairy, egg-shaped fruiting bodies, which in turn enclose 4-8 brown spores. The hairs can take a variety of forms, depending upon the species. The spores collect in a dense mass outside the body. Most species are strong decomposers of cellulose and occur wherever this material is abundant, such as in soil, dung, or rotting plants.

In addition to being a contaminant, Chaetomium are also encountered as contributory agents of infections in humans.

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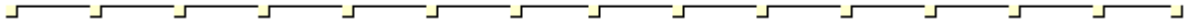
Here are some simple actions you can take to reduce energy costs, improve comfort, and reduce air pollution in your home or other building:

1. Use a powered exhaust system on any device that burns fuel indoors.
2. Eliminate the need for air leakage through your home's building envelope by using [mechanical ventilation](#) to supply as much fresh filtered air as you want.
3. [Seal air leaks](#) in the building's envelope to block entry of microbes, allergens, toxins, irritants, insects, and cold drafts.
4. [Insulate the walls and attic](#) as much, or more than, recommended for your local climate.

5. [Control indoor air pressure](#) to:

- a) Minimize entry of radon and water vapor from the soil.
- b) Keep insulation effective and mold-free by minimizing leakage of moist air through walls and attics that have been cooled by winter weather..

These actions will make your home a [safer shelter](#) if an accident, or a terrorist, releases chemical, biological or radiological substances upwind of your home.



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