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Clawson's Sanit-Air tests the air for potential home buyers

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When it comes to any significant investment, the best advice is always "buyer beware," according to Connie Morbach, a nationally recognized environmental scientist and indoor air expert of Sanit-Air Inc., at 1311 N. Main St. in Clawson. "Buyers need to be armed and educated so they're not throwing good money after bad. Be nosey when purchasing any new or used home. That 'new home smell' and a simple coating of fresh paint could be covering up possible water damage in both new construction and used homes that could cause a variety of health issues," Morbach explained. Since 1994, Sanit-Air has been a respected leader in the field of indoor air quality and environmental health hazards, having inspected and evaluated more than 6,000 homes and institutions, including Sloan Kettering Hospital. Water-damaged and moldy homes are increasingly the subjects of lawsuits that involve nondisclosure, negligence and personal injury. Foreclosed homes, in particular, are often sold

'as is', which means the bank has no prior history of the home and has nothing to disclose. Sanit-Air can test the home prior to the sale and give an assessment of the indoor air quality. Connie and her husband, Tom, have made mold education, detection and remediation their life's work. Connie has been a regular on NBC's "Today" show, assisting in many indoor air quality investigative segments. She is working on her first book in a series of CleanliNEST Healthy Home consumer books. For more information, call 248-435-2088 or visit www.cleanlinest.com.

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