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Condensation & Mould Growth

Advice for Residents



Condensation & Mould Growth

Every home gets condensation at some time, as there is always moisture in the air, even if you cannot see it. If the air gets colder, it cannot hold all the moisture and tiny drops of water will appear on cool surfaces. This is condensation. It is quite normal to find that your windows are misted up in the morning after a cold night. You will also notice it when you see your breath on a cold day or when the mirror mists over when you have a bath or a shower.

Evidence of Condensation

- Black mould on walls, ceilings, window frames, cold water pipes, behind furniture in fact on any cold surface in any room.
- Musty smells
- Mildew on clothing, leather, shoes etc.
- Mist on windows and puddles of water on internal window cills.

Condensation occurs when moist warm air is generated from normal domestic activities such as:

- Cooking
- Drying clothes indoors on radiators etc.
- Tumble dryers (if not properly ventilated to the outside)
- Showering, bathing and drying hair
- Using calor gas and paraffin heaters

How to Prevent or Reduce Condensation

Produce less moisture:

- Don't dry clothes indoors.
- Ventilate tumble dryer to the outside with a vent kit (unless it is a condensing dryer), don't just open a door or a window.
- Fill bath with about 2.5cm(1") of cold water before adding any hot water to cut down on the steam produced.
- Always put lids on saucepans.
- Don't use paraffin or calor gas heaters.

Remove the moisture by:

- Wipe all windows and window cills daily to remove any moisture especially during cold weather.
- Open kitchen window when cooking and close the door to the rest of the house.
- Open bathroom window after showering or bathing to remove steam and close the door to the rest of the house.
- Use extractor fans if provided to kitchen or bathroom.
- Opening windows as often as possible when the property is occupied.
- Use window trickle vents to ventilate rooms if provided.
- Move furniture away from external walls to allow air to circulate.

Heat your home a little more;

- Many homes are unoccupied and unheated during the day, if possible during cold weather try to have low background heat on all day, even when there is no one at home.

Treating the Mould and Redecorating

- Condensation mould appears as black soot-like spots on walls and ceilings whether painted or wallpapered. If the mould is treated as soon as it appears it is fairly easy to remove.
- Clean off the mould either with a mild solution of bleach and water or a specialist mould treatment product. Please take care when handling bleach, follow the safety instructions on the container.
- Redecorate using a product designed to reduce condensation. For example use a wallpaper paste including a fungicide or a fungicidal paint.
- In areas where a lot of moisture is produced, for example where mould has formed on an external wall by a shower, regular treatment and redecoration may be required.
- We will always try to assist you to control condensation, let us know if you need help.