

Mould Growth

Mould will form on walls and the contents of your home if too much condensation forms in the air for prolonged periods particularly if you do not heat your home and ventilate.

To prevent mould growth follow the steps for condensation.

If mould is present in your home you should wash the walls with a specialist product that treats mould, according to the instructions given by the manufacturer.

You can usually find these in your local supermarkets or homeware stores.

If require further information, please contact your Housing Officer.



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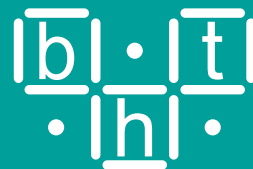
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Condensation and Mould Growth

Most of the complaints we receive about dampness turn out to be the result of condensation.

This is caused when moisture carried by warm air reaches a cold surface and turns back into water.

How do I stop condensation?

Condensation occurs in every home from time to time. It is impossible to prevent this.

However, it is possible to minimise the amount and frequency with which it occurs by following the nine steps below:

1. Keep your home warm.
2. Keep your home well ventilated by opening windows and using trickle vents and extractor fans.
3. Keep the kitchen door closed and the window open during and after cooking or washing up.
4. Place lids on saucepans when cooking to avoid unnecessary steam.
5. When bathing keep the door shut and the window open or extractor fan on during and afterwards.
6. Do not dry washing indoors over radiators or hung up around the room unless the rooms are properly ventilated.
7. Make sure furniture is away from the outside walls by a few inches to allow the air to circulate.

8. Close curtains at night to keep the heat in. If condensation forms on window panes, dry it off with a cloth daily.
9. Do not seal up permanent vents in your home.

HOW MUCH MOISTURE IS IN YOUR HOME?



Washing clothes
1 pint

Bath or shower
2 pints

Ironing
2 pints

Cooking
6 pints

Drying clothes
9 pints



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