

HOW TO GUIDE

How to prevent mould and condensation

Idea 1

Remove moisture

Cleaning condensation from windows and frames every day will minimise the spread of black mould. Any absorbent material can be used to wipe away condensation.



Idea 2

Dehumidifiers

Dehumidifiers are a great way to take the moisture out of the air. You can buy an inexpensive one from a local hardware store or online. Disposable damp traps can be cheaper, but over time, you might find it more economical (and environmentally friendly) to use an electric dehumidifier (although costs should be monitored). Ensure tumble dryers are vented properly.



Idea 3

Open windows

Airing your home regularly by opening windows (or using trickle vents if you have them) will make sure your home is well-ventilated, which reduces condensation.

Even when it's cold, moisture can gather in the home. Opening the window allows some of this moisture to escape.



Idea 4

Close doors

Humid/damp air travels from warm areas to cold and then forms condensation. Keeping doors closed, like bathroom or kitchen doors when having a shower or bath, or when cooking, will prevent moisture from spreading to other parts of the home.



Idea 5

Drying clothes

Dry clothes on a clothes airer in a well-ventilated room. Open a window or use a dehumidifier to minimise the spread of moisture indoors.



Idea 6

Heating

Keeping your heating on at a lower temperature can cost less than continuously turning it on and off.

It will also help in reducing cold areas in your home, dry out damp, and reduce your chances of getting mould.



Idea 7

Leaks

Keeping your home in good repair by reporting leaks, draughty window frames and doors will reduce the risk of any damp and mould problems.

If you see a leak, you should report it to us as soon as possible so we can deal with the problem swiftly. In the meantime, use a bucket or bowl to collect any drips and make sure to keep surfaces dry with a mop or towel.



Idea 8

Plants

Some plants can absorb moisture and pollution from the air and are a great addition to your damp prevention arsenal.

Peace lillies, tillandsia, palms and ferns are all moisture absorbers — some ferns actually thrive in damper rooms such as kitchens and bathrooms- just make sure you also give them some indirect sunlight.



Idea 9

Move furniture

Furniture pushed up against the wall, or over filling wardrobes, can cause damp and mould to grow and spread.

Check behind furniture regularly for signs of damp or mould developing, and try to allow air to circulate.



Idea 10

Extractor fans

Always make sure you turn on your extractor fan when you're having a shower or bath. If you have an extractor fan in the kitchen, you should also use it to disperse moisture and cooking smells.

If you don't have an extractor fan let us know and we will arrange for one to be fitted where possible. In the meantime, open a window when cooking to allow the moisture to escape.



Get in touch

If your property shows signs of damp or condensation, please report to repairs as soon as you can. Please try to include as much information as possible to assist with our diagnosis, you can submit pictures via email which really helps us.

If a tradesperson needs to visit, we can schedule a.m or p.m slots or avoid the school run to make it more convenient so the works can be carried out.

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