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Controlling Condensation and Mould

Information for residents and leaseholders



What is condensation?

Condensation occurs when the moisture in the air, caused by everyday activities like cooking, washing, bathing and even breathing, comes into contact with a cold surface. The moisture condenses and turns into visible droplets of water – condensation. A good example of this is when a mirror mists up in the bathroom as you run a bath.

Condensation - what does it look like?

Water droplets and darker damp patches on walls. Evidence of black speckled mould. Moisture on your windows, window frames and curtains.

Where might you find it?

- ▶ Kitchens
- ▶ Bathrooms
- ▶ Cold surfaces such as windows
- ▶ Cold corners, especially behind furniture
- ▶ Over filled cupboards and wardrobes
- ▶ Poorly heated rooms
- ▶ Uninsulated walls and ceilings

How to reduce condensation

Here are some easy and free ways to control condensation and improve your home conditions.

By keeping your home adequately ventilated you allow the moisture laden air to escape which is then replaced by drier air from outside, so helping to prevent condensation occurring.

What causes condensation?

- ▶ Not enough ventilation
- ▶ Allowing too much moisture to build up in your home
- ▶ Cold surfaces
- ▶ Unequal room temperatures in your home



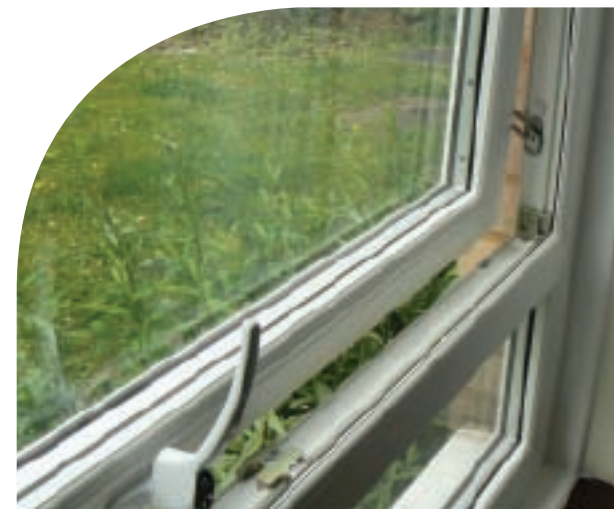
In addition a constant low level of heating throughout your home will help raise the temperature of internal surfaces, reducing the likelihood of the moisture in the air finding a cold surface to condense on.

Controlling condensation

- ▶ When a room is in use, if possible open a small window
- ▶ Open the trickle vents in the windows throughout your home
- ▶ Keep interior doors open to allow drier air to circulate through your home. Except when bathing and cooking, when you should open windows and shut doors to prevent moisture escaping into the rest of the house
- ▶ Maintain a constant level of heat through your home (heating one room and leaving other rooms cold, makes condensation worse in the unheated rooms)
- ▶ Don't obstruct air bricks, either indoors or outside
- ▶ Ventilate and don't overfill cupboards and wardrobes
- ▶ Leave space between walls and furniture
- ▶ Don't dry washing on radiators



If condensation has occurred, always dry your windows and windowsills every morning, as well as surfaces in the kitchen and bathroom that have become wet. This will help reduce the amount of moisture in the air.



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