



Treating Mould

Mould is unsightly, smelly and can ruin your belongings. Treat any mould by washing the area with a fungicidal wash, following manufacturer's instructions.

Once mould had been removed, you may have to redecorate using a good quality fungicidal / anti-mould paint.

If you think you have a condensation problem in your home, speak to your Assets Officer.

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Condensation, Damp & Mould

Everyday steps to keep your home free from condensation, damp and mould

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Rising damp, penetrating damp and condensation are the three most common types of damp that may affect a home. Condensation is the most common and often the easiest to treat.

What is condensation?

Condensation is essential moisture in the air. There is always moisture in the air and you cannot always see it, however, everyday things like, cooking, washing, drying clothes and bathing produce more moisture which may lead to damp and mould if not managed daily.

Excess moisture in the home usually settles on cold surfaces, such as windows or places where there is little air movement. It moves about your home and will settle in any room in your home where it finds a cold place to condense, such as a bedroom or behind a wardrobe, not necessarily the ones where the moisture was produced.

If surfaces are left wet, water droplets form soaking into walls, woodwork, carpets and your belongings. Mould will grow giving off an unpleasant smell and the spores of mould are a risk to health, especially for those living with respiratory problems such as asthma.

By taking simple steps everyday, you can help prevent condensation, damp and mould becoming a problem in your home.

Step 1 Ventilate your home

- Keep bathroom and kitchen windows open when in use to allow steam to escape.
- Keep bathroom and kitchen doors closed to prevent moisture moving to other rooms.
- If you have extractor fan, use it when cooking or bathing, to help clear moisture.
- Don't block air vents.
- Keep furniture away from walls to allow air to circulate.
- Ventilate cupboards and wardrobes and try to avoid putting too much in them to allow air to circulate.

Step 2 Regulate your heating

- Try low level heating throughout the day rather than quick blasts.
- Adjust thermostats to control your heating.
- Avoid using paraffin heaters or bottled gas as these increase condensation.

Step 3 Reduce moisture in the air

- Mop up any condensation or moisture everyday from windows and surfaces.
- Put lids on saucepans when cooking.
- Line dry clothes outside or use a clothes horse rather than drying clothes over a radiator.
- Do not run your shower longer than necessary and put a small amount of cold water in the bath before you run the hot water.

