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Good ventilation

Dampness or condensation occurs when there is a build-up of warm moist air in a poorly ventilated room.

It can be caused by:

- Steam from cooking and/or washing dishes
- Steam from the bathroom
- Drying damp clothes inside the house
- Using certain types of heaters, for example, gas heaters.

Good ventilation can minimise the problem. This replaces the moist air with cool dry air.

To ensure good ventilation in the home, keep room ventilators clean, keep internal doors open when using any heating and make sure windows and doors are open whenever possible. This is especially important if the house has been locked up all day and you are using room heaters at night.

Mould

Mould or mildew is a form of fungus which is spread mainly by air spores. These spores will grow on any surface in the home. It thrives wherever the air is moist. It also needs something to feed on. The two most common food sources are ingredients in wall and ceiling paints and household fluff or dust that has absorbed cooking fumes.



Preventing mould

Mould can be prevented by:

- Dry circulating air to stop mould from growing
- Making sure damp footwear and clothes are not put away in wardrobes or dark confined spaces
- Wiping condensation off walls and windows whenever it appears
- Washing curtains and wiping down furniture.

How to get rid of mould

If you have a mould problem, follow the steps below:

- Before cleaning any mould, try and find the cause of the mould. For example, lack of ventilation or possible blocked gutters
- It is not recommended to use bleach for removing mould
- Wipe down the affected surfaces with a solution of eight parts white vinegar to two parts water (800ml to 200ml). You should wear protective gloves and eyewear to protect yourself from splashes. Use a microfibre cloth and rinse the dirty cloth regularly in a separate container of clean water. Change cloths when required as dirty cloths spread the mould rather than remove it
- Make sure all the surfaces are cleaned to ensure total treatment of the affected areas
- Repeat the vinegar solution treatment periodically to prevent the mould from coming back
- A solution of tea tree oil is also effective. A mixture of two teaspoons in a spray bottle with two cups of water will suffice. Shake well before use.

Persistent mould may be due to some other cause such as broken roof tiles, uncleared gutters or downpipes or internal water leaks.

Please contact Housing Direct on 1300 137 344 to report continuing problems.