

# MOULD PREVENTION INFORMATION FOR TENANTS



## GENERAL

Keep windows and walls dry inside the home by:

- Ventilating rooms with open windows and doors on dry weather days or using mechanical ventilation such as extraction fans, dehumidifiers and air conditioning units.
- Wiping away condensation
- Heating rooms with dry heat that provides air movement.
- Ensure good ventilation at all times especially areas such as bathrooms, kitchens and laundry's.
- Furniture should not be pushed up against walls. This creates dark airless areas.

## LOUNGE ROOMS

- Floor coverings such as carpets and rugs should be regularly aired and cleaned to prevent food sources that mould infestation can feed on.
- Introduce sun light into your home by opening curtains and blinds during day light hours.
- Open windows and doors to help ventilated on dry days, close windows and doors on wet days as the external moisture can add to internal humidity levels.
- Do not use indoor plants.
- Avoid clutter and ensure that regular cleaning is conducted, dirt and dust are a contributing factor to mould growth.
- Use dehumidifiers when humidity levels exceed 60%RH and when there is visible condensation.
- Do not dry clothes internal on clothes horses as this contributes to increased humidity levels.

## KITCHEN

- Some types of cooking generate a large amount of steam. Make sure there is a working range hood that is preferable vented to the external area.
- Run the exhaust or range hood fan for extended periods to avoid steam and increased humidity levels, also open windows where possible.
- Try using lids on pots and saucepans to avoid steam build up.
- Ensure exhaust fan or range hood is cleaned regularly to avoid blockages.

## BATHROOM

- When taking a hot bath or shower, run exhaust fans for extended periods to prevent build of of moisture and increased humidity levels.
- Humidity sensor fans that have been installed will automatically keep running until the room humidity has been lowered to below 60%RH.
- Ensure that fans are clean and free from fluff at all times.
- Clean and dry surfaces that are wet regularly such as the shower, bath and vanity.
- Using cold water first will reduce the steam being produced.

## LAUNDRY

- Dry your clothes and shoes thoroughly before you put them away.
- Ensure that clothes dryers have appropriate ventilation to external areas.
- Front vented clothes dryer will contribute to increased humidity levels, the use of condenser style dryers will assist in reduced humidity levels.
- Use mechanical ventilation or humidity sensor fans for extended periods.
- Dry clothes in external areas that allow for air movement.

## BEDROOMS AND WARDROBES

- Open blinds and curtains to warm rooms with sunlight
- Keep wardrobes and bedrooms uncluttered and well ventilated.
- Keep beds and draws away from walls.
- Clean windows regularly to remove food source for mould.
- Use dehumidifiers to control condensation in the cooler months.

## BUILDING DEFECTS

Report any leaks or defect building work that contributes to internal moisture to your Property Manager or Owner.

**WARNING**

If you see any sign of visible mould immediately report it to your Property Manager