

# CONDENSATION, DAMP AND MOULD

Damp and condensation can cause mould to grow. If left unattended, the issue will potentially spread and become more problematic, so it's very important to report any issues to us, especially where they consistently reoccur.



## **THERE ARE THREE GENERAL REASONS WHY MOULD GROWS:**



**1**

Penetrating damp occurs when water is finding a way inside your home via a leak and this penetration can cause mould growth and dampness.



**2**

Rising damp is caused where groundwater is being soaked up into the bricks or concrete at floor level.



**3**

Problems with penetrating and rising damp are more easily solved after the source of water ingress is identified and repaired.

## **Determining the cause of the mould growth is key to identifying the solution.**

Condensation is a common problem which can also lead to mould growth that can become quite severe if left untreated.

Condensation will form when the inside air holds too much water and there's a drop in temperature. This can lead to water forming on colder surfaces such as walls, ceilings and windows. One example is when you run the shower and the bathroom mirror mists up. This happens as warm air with lots of moisture comes into contact with the colder mirror.

There's always moisture in the air of any home caused by everyday living, from cooking, bathing, showering, boiling a kettle, etc.

## Did you know?

**AN AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD WILL PRODUCE 24 PINTS (14 LITRES) OF WATER PER DAY OR 168 PINTS (80 LITRES) PER WEEK.**



**Condensation is more likely to occur during colder weather as we often reduce ventilation by closing windows in our homes to retain heat.**

Currently, the increase in energy costs also impacts the level of heating which is on in our homes.

Reducing the likelihood of condensation is a balancing act of heating and ventilating, along with reducing the amount of moisture produced within your home. We're here to offer advice in relation to mould growth, so please contact us for advice.



*If you need help with energy costs please contact us as we may be able to offer some financial assistance via grant funding.*

### Do's



- ✓ Report the issue to us
- ✓ Clean the mould with hot soapy water
- ✓ Open window trickle vents
- ✓ Use fans and extractors
- ✓ Open the windows when cooking/washing
- ✓ Keep your home free of clutter
- ✓ Contact us for financial assistance/support if you have an issue with Damp, Condensation or Mould.

### Do Not's



- ✗ Try to manage alone
- ✗ Use bleach on mould
- ✗ Keep all your windows and vents closed
- ✗ Cover or stop using fans and extractors
- ✗ Dry clothes on radiators
- ✗ Hoard lots of items in your home

As your landlord, we take all reported cases of damp and mould seriously. We know that living in a home with mould is unpleasant, and can lead to other issues. We'll work with you to resolve issues of this nature, so please report damp and mould issues to us.

**You can contact us to arrange a visit if condensation, damp or mould is causing an issue in your home on 01563 528816 or via [info@atrium-homes.co.uk](mailto:info@atrium-homes.co.uk)**