



## WHAT IS CONDENSATION?

There is always moisture in the air, even if you can't see it. When the air gets colder, it cannot hold the moisture which then condenses on cold surfaces such as windows, doors and even walls.

## WHAT CAUSES CONDENSATION?

There are 4 main factors that cause condensation:



Too much moisture being produced in your home



Not enough ventilation



Cold surfaces



The temperature of your home

# HOW MUCH MOISTURE DO WE PRODUCE IN A DAY?

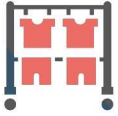
ACTIVITY

MOISTURE PRODUCED IN PINTS



2

people at home all day



Drying clothes indoors



Cooking and using a kettle



Washing dishes



1

bath or shower



TOTAL MOISTURE PRODUCED



21

PINTS

You can contact us for advice or to arrange a surveyor to call by phoning us on **01443 424200**

# HOW TO REDUCE CONDENSATION

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Ventilate your home by opening windows, even only slightly and making sure any extractor fans are used.

02



Use heating correctly. It is better to keep your heating on low during the cooler periods as this improves air circulation, reducing condensation.



03



Reduce the amount of moisture produced.

04



Use crystal moisture traps, which can be bought cheaply and locally.



Don't dry clothes on radiators



Keep lids on pans when cooking



When bathing, run the cold tap first



Make sure tumble driers are properly ventilated



When cooking or bathing, keep kitchen and bathroom doors closed

If you would like advice about condensation then please call us on **01443 424200**



# QUICK GUIDE ON BLACK MOULD

## WHAT IS BLACK MOULD?

Black mould is a spore which grows in areas where there is excessive moisture, high humidity and lack of ventilation. It leaves a damp / musty smell and if untreated, could be harmful to people's health.

## WHERE CAN IT BE FOUND?

It can usually be found in corners of rooms, behind furniture / wardrobes and around windows and doors. It may also be present inside wardrobes on clothes. Bathrooms and kitchens may show evidence of black mould on tiles and taps.

## PREVENTING AND TREATING BLACK MOULD

Black mould needs moisture to grow. It is important to reduce moisture produced and ventilate your home well.

- Remove any moisture on doors, windows and sills each morning to prevent mould growth and treat with an anti mould solution which can be bought cheaply and locally.
- Avoid putting furniture and wardrobes against walls as this prevents air circulation.
- Wipe off any signs of black mould with an anti mould solution to prevent growth.  
Note, bleach will not kill off the spores completely and will allow for regrowth.

We are here to help you. For advice with black mould in your home then get in touch with our Maintenance team on **01443 424200**

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