

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 and musty smell and if untreated, can be harmful to people's health.

WHERE CAN IT BE FOUND?

It can usually be found in corners of rooms, behind furniture 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 the 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 on mould or condensation in your home please get in touch as soon as possible.

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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



9



Cooking
and using
a kettle



6



Washing
dishes



2



1
bath or
shower



2

TOTAL MOISTURE PRODUCED



HOW TO REDUCE CONDENSATION

01

Ventilate your home all year round 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