

Your guide to reducing condensation in your home



What is condensation?

Condensation occurs when warm, moist air meets a cold surface such as a window, mirror or wall and causes water droplets to form. Condensation is common in rooms where a lot of moisture is generated, such as kitchens, bathrooms and bedrooms.

The risk of condensation depends upon how moist the air is and how cold the surfaces of the rooms are. How you ventilate and heat your home will affect the level of condensation.

We have some tips you can take to help reduce condensation from happening. We know it can be difficult with the costs of heating your home, particularly in the winter, but if you can take some of these steps, it can make a difference in preventing mould from forming.

If you are worried about condensation in your home, please get in touch with us right away. We're here to help.

Here are some tips to reduce condensation.

Around the home:

- › keep window vents open – this will reduce moisture;
- › open windows when drying clothes indoors;
- › keep room temperatures above 15°C, if you can;
- › if you have a tumble dryer, please ensure this is vented in accordance with manufacturers guidelines;
- › try to keep a gap between wall and furniture, to allow for air circulation;
- › wipe down condensation from windows and sills when required; and
- › if you have extractor fans check to ensure they are working properly – this can be done by holding a piece of paper against the fan.

In the kitchen:

- › keep lids on pots and pans when cooking;
- › use an extractor fan, if you have one;
- › keep the kitchen door closed when cooking; and
- › open the window when cooking.

In the bathroom:

- › keep the door closed when running a bath, bathing and using the shower;
- › use an extractor fan, if you have one;
- › when running a bath, put cold water in first;
- › open the window after using the bath or shower; and
- › wipe down condensation from windows, sills and tiles when required.

Things to avoid:

- › drying wet clothes over radiators; and
- › blocking vents and air bricks in your home.

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