



Condensation prevention checklist

Use this checklist to prevent damp and mould, so we can check with you at a repeat visit.

- In colder weather try and keep temperatures constant between 16-21°C to avoid condensation problems.
- Do not block airbricks or air vents.
- Open window trickle vents during, better still opens windows to air your home right through for at least 10 minutes every day.
- Wash down any areas affected by mould with a proprietary mould killer-following the manufacturer's instructions precisely.
- Wipe down the wet surfaces daily to prevent timber rotting and the formation of mould growth which can cause respiratory problems especially in the very young or elderly.
- Dry washing outside where possible.
- Don't dry clothes on radiators. This will make your boiler work harder to heat your house and cost almost as much as using a tumble dryer, whilst creating a lot of condensation leading to increased mould.
- If you need to dry clothing indoors, and don't have a vented tumble dryer, place clothes on a drying rack in a sunny room where a window can be opened slightly and keep the door closed.
- No drying rack? Put your clothes on hangers and hang from a curtain pole above a slightly opened window; this can also reduce the need for ironing.
- Don't brush down mould as you may encourage the spores to spread and infect other areas.
- Always use an extractor fan if you have one. Contact WCC if you do not have one in your bathroom or if it needs a repair.

- Put lids on pans (this also reduces boiling times and helps save money). Only boil as much water as you need in a kettle to reduce steam and save money.
- Open windows during and after bathing/washing and leave them open for about 20 minutes if possible.
- Wipe down windows/mirrors/tiles/shower doors with a window squeegee and mop up the moisture with a super absorbent cloth which can be wrung out in the sink.
- Do not leave wet towels lying around.
- Do not put furniture, including beds, against any outside walls and try and leave a gap between the wall and furniture to allow airflow.

To report damp & mould

- Self Service portal - www.winchester.gov.uk/mywinchestertenancy
- E-mail to hhub@winchester.gov.uk
- Call Customer Services on **01962 848 400**

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