

TIPS FOR PREVENTING MOLD & MILDEW

A guide for residents of our community



- ✓ Do not block or cover any heating, ventilation, or air conditioning ducts.
- ✓ Whenever possible, maintain a temperature between 60 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit.
- ✓ To allow an exchange of air and permit sunlight to enter, air out your home when weather is warm and dry. Run the fan on your furnace to help circulate fresh air.
- ✓ In damp, humid, or rainy weather, keep windows and doors closed.
- ✓ Clean and dust on a regular basis. Use environmentally safe household cleaners. Regular vacuuming and mopping removes household dirt and debris that contribute to mold growth. A vacuum cleaner with a HEPA filter will help remove mold spores.
- ✓ Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilet, windows and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner. On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, such as countertops, windows, and windowsills.
- ✓ Use the bathroom fan when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the bathroom.
- ✓ Use the exhaust fan in your kitchen when cooking or while the dishwasher is running and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has been vented from the kitchen.
- ✓ If you have a clothes dryer, clean the lint filter after each use and promptly report any damage to the vent connection. If condensation forms within the closet, wipe it dry. Dry damp clothing as quickly as possible.
- ✓ Limit houseplants to a reasonable number to limit excess humidity and limit molds that could grow on the soil surface. Avoid over-watering.
- ✓ If you clean up a spill on your carpeting, blot the area dry.
- ✓ Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Overcrowding restricts airflow.

What to report to the Community Management Office:

- Any leak or water damage
- Any malfunction in your heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system
- Windows or doors that don't open or close properly
- Any areas of visible mold (except very small areas that respond to routine cleaning)

- Musty or moldy odors
- Health issues which you think are linked to the air quality within your home or community