

MOLD + MILDEW

PREVENTION TIPS



Mold can occur on a surface when water or moisture come together with saturation, poor ventilation, or heat. Please observe the following tips to be proactive in minimizing the possibility of mold and mildew build-up in your apartment:

- When home, open windows and blinds frequently when the weather is dry to allow an exchange of air and to permit the introduction of sunlight throughout your apartment. It may help to run the fan on your air conditioner to circulate fresh air throughout your apartment during these times. Please remember, for safety reasons, windows should always be closed and secured when you are not at home.
- In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed.
- If possible, maintain a temperature of between 70 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit in your apartment at all times.
- Do not block or cover any of the heating or air conditioning vents in the apartment.
- Clean and dust your apartment on a regular basis. Wipe down and dry areas where moisture may accumulate, such as countertops, windows and window sills.
- Your bathroom has been equipped with a smart fan. The fan will start when the light switch is turned on and continue to run for a period of time when the switch is off to remove moisture from the bathroom. The fan will also automatically turn on at intermittent times throughout the day for the same purpose.
- Run the microwave fan when cooking to help disperse steam. Allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the kitchen.
- Limit houseplants to a reasonable number to keep the moisture level in your apartment to a minimum.
- The use of a personal dehumidifier will help regulate humidity levels in your apartment and create a more comfortable environment.
- Thoroughly dry any spills on the carpeting, flooring, or millwork.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Check behind stored items frequently for signs of water.
- Do not allow damp or moist stacks of clothes or other cloth or paper materials to lie in piles for an extended period of time.



Immediately report to the Rental Office the following:

- Any evidence that there is a water leak or excessive moisture in your apartment, storage room or any common area. Check plumbing and mechanical fixture closets on a regular basis.
- Mold or mildew-like growth that cannot be removed by simply applying a common household cleaner and wiping the area. Also report any area of mold or mildew that reappears despite regular cleaning.
- Failure or malfunction with your heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system.
- Inoperable windows or doors.
- Musty odors that you notice in your apartment.

Please contact the Rental Office if you have any questions.