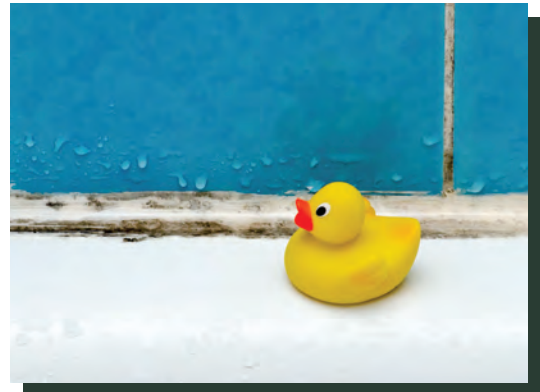


## Mold & Mildew Tips



**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, consider opening patio doors and blinds occasionally during dry weather to allow fresh air and natural light into your apartment. Running the fan on your air conditioner can also help circulate air throughout your space. If you choose to open windows while at home, please exercise caution, especially on upper floors, to help prevent accidents. Pushing or leaning on windows or screens can cause breakage, tears, bent frames, and potential injury.
- Rinse your air conditioner filter monthly. Mold can gather in the air conditioner when dirty filters prevent proper air circulation.
- In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed.
- If possible, maintain a temperature of between 65 and 75 degrees Fahrenheit in your apartment at all times.
- Do not block or cover any of the heating or ventilation in the unit.
- 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.
- Use the bathroom fan before, during, and after bathing or showering. Allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the bathroom.
- Use the exhaust fan in your kitchen when cooking and while the dishwasher is running. 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 the following issues to the Rental Office:

- 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.