

September is National Mold and Mildew Prevention Month

Unfortunately, during the colder weather, moisture accumulates in our homes. This happens as the temperatures outside become colder than the temperatures inside. It is our goal to maintain the highest quality living environment for you, our valued residents. To help us achieve this goal, it is important we work together to minimize the potential for conditions which could lead to the growth of naturally occurring moistures. Residents can help minimize moisture in their apartment homes by taking the following actions:

- Open windows. Proper ventilation is essential. If it is not possible to open windows, run the fan on the apartment air-handling unit to circulate fresh air throughout your apartment.
- In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed.
- If possible, maintain the temperature between 50-degrees and 80-degrees Fahrenheit within your apartment at all times.
- Clean and dust your apartment on a regular basis. Regular vacuuming, mopping, and use of environment all-safe household cleaners is important in removal of household dirt and debris that contribute to moisture.
- Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilets, windows and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner.
- On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, like countertops, windows and windowsills.
- Use the bathroom fan or alternative ventilation when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the bathroom.
- Use the exhaust fans in your kitchen, when cooking or while the dishwasher is running. Allow the fan to run, until all excess moisture has vented from the kitchen.
- Use care when watering houseplants. If spills occur, dry up excess water immediately.
- Ensure the clothes dryer vent is operating properly and clean the lint screen after every use.
- When washing clothes in warm or hot water, watch to ensure condensation does not build up within the washer and dryer closet; if condensation does accumulate, dry with a fan or towel.
- Thoroughly dry any spills or pet urine on carpeting.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Ventilation is important in these spaces.
- Do not allow damp or moist stacks of clothes or other materials to lie in piles for an extended period of time.
- Immediately report to the rental office any evidence of water leak or excessive moisture in your apartment, storage room, garage, or any common area.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager rental office any evidence of moisture concerns that cannot be resolved by simply applying a common household cleaner and wiping the area. Also, report any area of moisture that reappears despite regular cleaning.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any failure or malfunction with your heating, ventilation or laundry system. Do not block or cover any of the heating or ventilation ducts in your apartment.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any inoperable windows or doors.
- Immediately report to the Apartment Community Manager any musty odors you may have noticed in your apartment.

If you have a question or concern regarding moisture in your apartment home, please notify your Apartment Community Manager.