



Moisture and Mold Prevention Control Tips

When you control moisture you control mold

- When water leaks or spills occur indoors act quickly. If wet or damp materials or surfaces are dried within 24-48 hours after leaks or spills, in many cases mold will not grow
- Clean and repair roof gutters regularly
- Keep air conditioning drip pans clean and drain lines unobstructed and flowing properly
- Keep indoor humidity low. If possible keep indoor humidity below 60 percent (ideally between 30 and 50 percent) relative humidity. Also note: Relative humidity can be measured with a moisture or humidity meter which is a small inexpensive instrument that cost between (\$ 10 –50\$) and can be found at most hardware stores
- When you see condensation or moisture collecting on windows, walls or pipes take immediate action to dry the wet surface and reduce the moisture/water source. Condensation can be a sign of high humidity
- Vent appliances that produce moisture produce moisture, such as clothes dryers, stoves and kerosene heaters to the outside. Note: Combustion appliances such as stoves and kerosene heaters produce water vapors and will increase the humidity level unless vented to the outside.
- Use air conditioners or de-humidifiers when needed
- Run the bathroom fan or open the window when taking baths or showers. Use the exhaust fan or open a window when cooking and running the dishwasher
- You can prevent condensation by reducing humidity, increase temperature, cover cold surfaces with insulation, using fans and increase ventilation or air movement by opening doors or windows when practical