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Keeping your home free of damp and mould

A few small habits make a big difference. Here's why it happens and what helps.

2 litres
of water from one load of washing dried indoors

Everyday life puts a lot of water into the air. In colder months, that moisture settles on the coldest surfaces, like windows, outside walls and corners behind furniture. That's where mould starts.

Washing

- Dry washing outside or in the dryer.
- If it has to be indoors, use one room with the door shut, a window open a crack and a dehumidifier on if you have one.

Cooking and bathrooms

- Use the extractor fan when cooking or showering, and leave it on for 15 minutes after.
- Put lids on pans.

Air and heating

- Open the windows for 10 minutes each morning.
- If your windows have trickle vents, keep them open all year round.
- In cold weather, keep the heating low and steady rather than in short blasts.

Keep an eye out

- Leave a gap between furniture and the outside walls.
- Wipe condensation off the windows each morning.

40–60%

The humidity to aim for

If you have a humidity reader, check it now and then. If it stays above 60%, open a window or run the dehumidifier.

Spotted something? Tell us early.

Black spots, a musty smell or a leak. Small things are quick and easy to fix when we know about them.

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