

Mold & Mildew Prevention

Mold or mildew is a type of fungus (plant) growth. It can be black, white or pink in color.

The growth of mold or mildew can occur in any of the following circumstances: when you close your windows tightly, turn up the heat, take a hot shower, cook in a manner that creates steam, use a humidifier, or any number of other combination of circumstances.

The key to prevention of mold or mildew growth is ventilation and the reduction or prevention of moisture within your apartment unit.

The following measures are recommended to protect you and your property from the harmful effects caused by the spread of mold and mildew growth within your premises.

- Notify your Property Supervisor immediately at (619) 435-7780 if you are aware of moisture that could result (or has resulted) in mildew and/or mold conditions in or around your premises. This is your responsibility.
- Ventilate your premises when conducting activities that increase moisture in the air (cooking, bathing, using your dishwasher, etc.)
- Promote airflow within your premises whenever possible by opening windows and doors.
- Use dehumidifying crystals where ventilation and airflow are difficult to achieve (closets and cabinets).

In addition, there are a few housekeeping steps you can take to either prevent or to control the growth of mold and/or mildew.

- If you notice the presence of mildew or mold, spray it with a bleach & water solution and simply wipe it off with a sponge or cleaning cloth. NOTE: Be careful to not let any of the bleach come in contact with your skin, fabrics, carpeting or furniture, as it may cause damage to them.
- If condensation is forming on the inside of your windows, open one or more windows in the affected area periodically to circulate fresh air in your home. (Be sure to secure all windows with window locks even when in the open position).
- Leave closet doors open about one inch to allow fresh air circulation and do not lay clothing or boxes directly on the closet floor; these can create warm, damp areas, which promote mold growth.
- During or after taking showers or baths, open a window to allow the steam to escape from the bathroom, or turn on your ceiling fan if you have one.
- If any of your clothing, bedding or carpeting develop evidence of mildew growth, be sure to have them cleaned promptly. Mold and mildew will grow and spread quickly if not destroyed promptly and properly.