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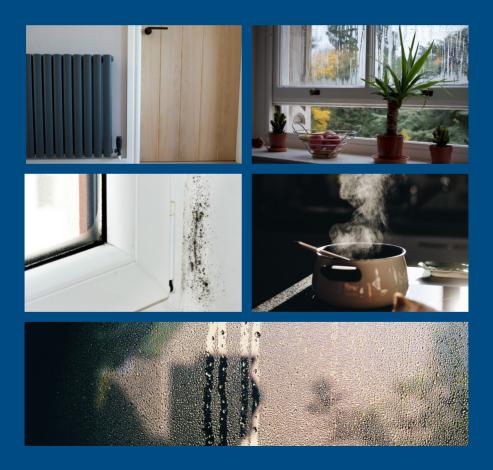
# Damp, Mould & Condensation

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No one wants to settle in a damp home. Whether you live in an older house with solid, cold walls or a modern, airtight property with central heating but limited ventilation, many properties suffer from damp and mould growth due to condensation.

The condensation season generally runs from October to March and there are small, everyday changes which you can do to help fight damp, mould and condensation (DMC).



#### Helpful tips to reduce DMC in your property:

#### Close doors

Keep kitchen and bathroom doors closed while in use. This accompanied with a slightly open window, or an extractor fan helps moisture escape.

#### Cooking

Keep lids on the pots and pans while cooking to stop steam escaping.

#### Dehumidifiers

Use dehumidifiers where DMC problems exist, or disposable damp traps placed around the house.

#### **Drying clothes**

Where possible refrain from drying on radiators. Use a clothes airer in a well-ventilated room.

#### Furniture gaps

Have a gap between the wall and furniture items like wardrobes to help air flow against cold walls.

#### Moisture-absorbing plants

Peace lilies, tillandsia and ferns help absorb moisture from the air. These plants can be potted, making great home decorations.

#### Monitor heating

Keep heating on a low setting during the day/night and avoid blasts of heat.

#### Wipe away moisture

Wipe away condensation from windows, door frames and wet spots on cold walls. This will help keep away black mould spots.

#### Ventilation

Have windows open slightly to create a small air flow to let the moisture out especially when showering.

For further advice on DMC, please contact a member of our excellent Lettings team.

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