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MOULD AND CONDENSATION IN YOUR HOME:

Indoor condensation can cause damage to fabrics, discolour paint and wallpaper but, more importantly it promotes conditions suitable for the growth of mould.

When water is heated it changes into a vapour. Condensation will occur at the slightest drop in temperature.

WHAT IS MOULD?

Mould is a fungal growth. It grows in homes under the right conditions of dampness, darkness and poor ventilation. eg Bathrooms or kitchens cluttered storage or basement arrears, flooded arrears, plumbing pipes and outdoors in humid environments. Walls, timber, carpet, and furniture and fabrics can harbour mould if they stay damp for extended periods of time.

CONTROLLING CONDENSATION AND MOULD:

- Open windows and doors to ventilate your home and reduce the humidity level especially when showering or cooking
- Regularly clean exhaust fans and range hoods to ensure they are working effectively
- Do not have long hot showers
- If you notice condensation forming on walls or the ceiling, wipe down and dry the area thoroughly
- Leave the internal doors open to allow air circulation through the property
- Open curtains and blinds to allow natural light into your home

CLEANING:

- Clean your bathroom frequently
- Clothes and shoes must be dry before storing them
- Clean evaporation trays in air conditioners and refrigerators frequently
- Wipe away moisture on windows and walls to keep your home dry

REMOVING MOULD:

Eradicate mould when it occurs. It is hard to remove when it has been there for a while; There are several treatments for mould:

- Use mould removal spray / cleaners which are available from supermarkets and are specifically made to remove mould.



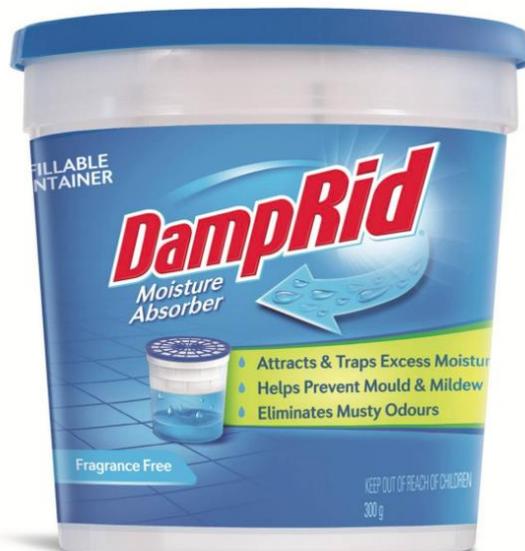
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- Tea tree oil is effective. A 3% solution or 2 tea spoons in a spray bottle with 2 cups of water will suffice. Shake well before each use.
- Kill mould from surface with an 80% white fermented vinegar solution (available from super markets). After applying the mixture, leave for at least 20 mins and then lightly sponge with clean water.
- Remove the mould physically. Killing but not removing the mould may allow it to grow back.

REMEMBER: The only lasting cure for mould is to reduce the dampness and to clean regularly.

**Purchasing Damp rid or similar product during the colder months can be very effective in reducing condensation and moisture in your home. Its important to ensure the affected area has been cleaned first to remove any build up of mould or moisture.



You can purchase this product from most supermarkets or hardware stores in the cleaning isle and it costs approx. \$10 per container.