

Treating Mould

You can treat any mould you have in your home but you need to tackle the causes of condensation to prevent the mould coming back.

To kill and remove mould

Remove any wallpaper in the affected rooms. Moulds like the wallpaper paste and the spores cannot be removed from the paper.

Wipe down walls and window frames with an approved fungicidal wash. Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Dry-clean mildewed clothes and shampoo carpets.

Disturbing mould by brushing or vacuum cleaning can increase the risk of respiratory problems.

After treatment, you can redecorate using a good quality fungicidal paint to help prevent mould recurring. Note that this paint is not effective if overlaid with ordinary paints or wallpaper.

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Areas where you can reduce Condensation!!

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Open windows after bathing, showering and cooking. Use trickle vents and extractor fans if you have them.

Heat your home a little more in cold weather, keep a low background heat on all day rather than short bursts of high heat. Use your radiators, room thermostats and timers to control the heating.

Avoid using portable, flue-less bottled gas heaters. These heaters put a lot of moisture into the air.

Make sure doors are closed where rooms are not being used.



Resist the temptation to hang clothes over your radiators or storage heaters.

Dry clothes in a cool area of your home and ventilate any room in which wet clothes are hung out.

Cover pans when cooking and do not leave the kettle boiling.

Vent Tumble dryers to the outside, never into your home, unless it's the self-condensing type DIY kits are available to do this.

How much moisture can be produced in your home in a day?

Two people active for one day



3 pints

Cooking and boiling a kettle



6 pints

Having a bath or shower



2 pints

Washing clothes



1 pint

Drying clothes



9 pints

Using paraffin or bottled gas heater



3 pints

Total amount of moisture produced in your home in one day

24 pints