

CONDENSATION PROBLEMS

This is caused when warm air produced by ordinary household activities such as cooking and bathing hits a cold surface such as a cold wall or window. If the moist air does not escape to the outside through an open window, air vent or extractor fan, it stays in your home moving around until it finds a cold spot where it can condense. There is always moisture in the air, even if you can't see it, however it is more noticeable in the colder months.

Try to produce less moisture by:

1. Covering pans whilst cooking
2. Do not use portable bottle gas heaters as they put a lot of moisture into the air.
3. Dry washing outdoors on a line, or put in the bathroom with the door closed and the window open or extractor fan on.
4. Do not dry washing on radiators.
5. Ensure that any condensation that forms on windows is wiped dry as it occurs. This will prevent the condensation collecting on the windowsill and running on the sills and walls.
6. Wipe dry surfaces where moisture forms to prevent mould from occurring.
7. Make use of extractor fans or cooker hoods where provided.
8. Try putting cold water in the bath before adding hot as this reduces the risk of steam being created.

How much moisture do you produce in your home?

- Drying clothes produces 10 pints of moisture
- Washing clothes produces 1 pint of moisture
- Having a bath produces 2 pints of moisture
- Cooking by gas for 3 hours produces 3 pints of moisture