



Tennant Checklist for Preventing Mold

Landlords and tenants share the responsibility of preventing moisture and mold in a rental home. Help yourself and your landlord by following these steps to keep your apartment clean and dry. A landlord can't fix what they don't know about.

- Turn on bathroom ventilation fan when showering.
- Turn on kitchen ventilation fan when cooking.
- If using a humidifier, regularly clean and inspect the area around it for moisture damage.
- Keep plants requiring watering off of carpeted and wood floored areas unless adequate moisture protection is down.
- Clean up any water spill or leak immediately, especially around the tub, sink, toilet, washing machine, and plants.
- Dry all wetted areas, especially carpets and furniture, quickly and thoroughly.
- Clean showers and tubs regularly.
- Vacuum at least once a week.
- Clean refrigerator regularly, inside and out.
- Clean washer and dryers around doors, and by lint screen.
- Refrain from growing cannabis or other agriculture inside the home, garage, attic, and basements.
- Detach exterior garden hoses and turn off hose bibs before freezing temperatures
- Do not store wet snow gear in closets or areas where they will remain wet or impact the home.

Check the following areas for moisture or leaks:

- Pipes under sinks and by washing machine
- Window and door frames
- Ceilings and walls
- Basement and attic
- By slider and entry doors
- Around toilets
- Next to showers and bathtubs

Notify the landlord immediately if you see a problem! Most mold contractors and inspectors will not work for a tenant without the landlord's authorization.