



How to get rid of condensation mould

Your rental house or apartment was clean and completely free from damp when you moved in, and all of a sudden a black mould has appeared on walls or other surfaces... Condensation is the culprit. The problem is not uncommon. This document lists a few measures you can take to reduce condensation and get rid of the black mould it causes.

Condensation is one of the most important causes of sudden mould problems in properties. It occurs when the humidity in the property is high. An average family can produce 10 to 15 litres of moisture each day: boiling a kettle, cooking, taking a shower, drying clothes, just breathing... all these activities increase the humidity level.

If moist, warm air reaches a cold surface, like a window, tiles or a wall, the temperature of the air decreases and small droplets of water are deposited to the cold surface. If this process repeats itself, a black mould appears. Other problems that may arise are an unpleasant smell or problems with the finishing of walls, woodwork and even insulation materials. It is important to keep the humidity in the property under control and to act fast when a problem arises.

6 important measures to prevent condensation



Always use the extractor fan when cooking. Leave the fan on for a few more minutes after cooking, so all humidity can be extracted.



If present, switch on the extractor fan in the bathroom, or open the windows after bathing or showering until all condensation has disappeared. If you let the steam from the bathroom escape to a much colder bedroom or landing, the damp, hot air will cause condensation on the cold surfaces there, which may lead to condensation mould. Ventilate the bathroom well and keep the door to the bedroom or other colder rooms closed until all the moist air has disappeared from the bathroom.



Try to dry the laundry outside. If you use a drying rack indoors, place it in a well-ventilated room: the water that is released from the laundry (which can amount to 2 litres for an average drying rack) must find a way out of the property.



Ensure that the difference in temperature between the living rooms and bedrooms is not too large. If your bedroom is very cold, humid air from the other areas in the house or flat will cause condensation there. Open the bedroom windows for at least 15 minutes each morning, and ensure the room is adequately heated afterwards.



Do not place furniture (cupboards, sofas ...) straight against colder exterior walls. Ensure that large pieces are placed about 10 cm away from the walls, so air can move freely behind the furniture.



Heat all rooms in your property so that all walls are sufficiently warmed to avoid condensation.

Good ventilation does not only help prevent condensation, it also improves the air quality in your home. It will lower CO2 levels and allows unhealthy fumes to escape.



How to remove condensation mould

Use a product that is specifically created for this purpose. Read the label, follow the safety instructions and store the product outside children's reach.

What if the problems persist?

If you have taken the above measures and the problems persist, please do not hesitate to contact us via support@ifacservice.be or on 02 767 14 14. We will then come over to evaluate the issue and decide on the best approach.