

# Drying Clothes Indoors

(if unable to do so outside)



**During the winter months, drying clothes outside is often difficult or impossible. As a result, many households dry their washing indoors, either on an airer or by hanging it over radiators, which causes condensation. Follow our advice below to help reduce this.**

When you dry washing indoors on average 2 litres of water is released into your home which raises the overall humidity. This can cause condensation to form on windows, walls and ceilings which could lead to damp and mould.

## Tips to help reduce condensation

- Dry clothes in the kitchen/bathroom where mechanical extractor fans should be fitted.
- Isolate the room where drying is taking place by closing the door.
- As we sleep our bodies add to the moisture in the air, so avoid drying clothes in bedrooms.
- Ensure that clothes have been through the highest spin setting in washing machine prior to airing.
- Give heavy items, such as jeans or towels, an extra spin to reduce the time it takes for them to dry.
- Use a clothes airer and leave space around it so air can circulate. Avoid overloading it, and if possible, place it in a sunny spot and open a window or trickle vent for ventilation.
- Consider using a heated drying rack. These run on electricity, and costs will vary by supplier - typically around 5p per hour to run.
- Turn clothes halfway through drying.
- Do not put clothes on radiators directly.
- Open windows periodically for short durations to allow fresh air transfer.
- Wipe down windows.
- Use moisture traps.
- If possible, use a dehumidifier instead of a tumble dryer as this removes all humidity when drying clothes and is less expensive to run.



## Tumble Driers

### Non-condensing

- Don't over fill.
- Make sure that vent hose is undamaged and vented fully to outside (preferably well below the window opening if hung out).
- Make sure any filters are regularly cleaned out.



### Condensing

- Don't over fill.
- Make sure water tanks are emptied and filters cleaned after every load.



## Further information

Please visit our website: [www.platformhg.com/damp-and-condensation-mould](http://www.platformhg.com/damp-and-condensation-mould) for further guidance and advice.

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