

Windows and Condensation



Condensation commonly forms on windows in our homes. This leaflet explains why and how you can manage this to prevent mould from forming.

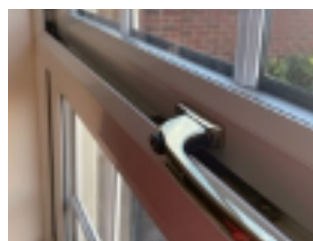
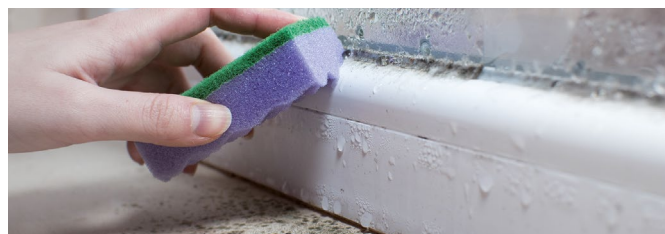
Humidity naturally builds up during the day and often continues overnight, especially in bedrooms. This moisture is drawn to colder surfaces, such as windows, which are usually cooler than walls. When condensation forms on glazing (particularly in the mornings), it's important to wipe it away and take daily steps to prevent it from leading to mould growth.

Mould spores are always present in the air, both inside and outside your home. For mould to grow, it needs three things: air, moisture and something to feed on. Air and small amounts of dust or organic matter are always present in your home, so moisture is usually the main reason mould develops indoors. Therefore reducing moisture levels in your home is the best way to prevent mould growth.

Tips to help reduce condensation

- Wipe down windows with squeegee wiper/dry cloths/window vacs.
- Open windows for a short period to allow air transfer.
- Use trickle vents, if you have them, as they will allow dry air into your home.
- Keep window sills as clear as possible to allow air to circulate and encourage the drying of any moisture that has formed.
- Some windows can be left partially open to help air circulation, whilst remaining locked and secure.
- Catch condensation dripping from windows with condensation channels and sponge strips - available from DIY shops. In extreme circumstances you may need to invest in moisture traps or a dehumidifier.

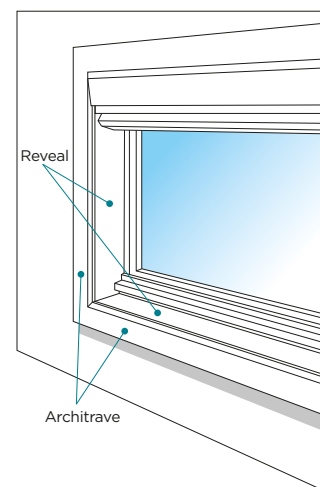
- Consider painting window reveals (see diagram for more information) with gloss paint or moisture resistant emulsion. This will be easier to wipe down and will not collect moisture like normal emulsion or wallpaper.
- Use specific mould cleaning products ensuring product guidance is followed.



Window is open to allow ventilation but is still locked and secure.



Moisture traps can be purchased from DIY shops and will absorb excess moisture.



Further information

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