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Tips Regarding Mold and Mildew

We live in an environment that promotes the growth of mold and mildew. We can only hope to control the growth by taking some practical steps.

- Always use the vent fan when cooking or taking a shower. You **MUST** continue to use the fan for a period of no less than 15 minutes after cooking or taking a shower. As long as moisture is still in the air, the fan must still be on. Keep the bathroom door closed when using the vent fan. This helps increase the amount of moisture the vent fan can remove from the room.
- Clean mold off hard surfaces with a solution of 1-cup bleach to 1-gallon water. Dry the area completely after use. Do **NOT** use bleach on any area where an ammoniated product was used.
- Clean garbage pails, refrigerator drip trays, and door seals often.
- Keep the inside of fridge free of old leftovers.
- Clean the bathtub, sinks, toilet, walls and shower curtain frequently.
- Do not stack anything against walls and / or in closets. Allow some ventilation between items and the wall. This includes beds, dressers, books, shelves, etc.
- Open your windows often reduce moisture that accumulates around the windows and window frames. Wipe up moisture when it is present.
- Mold grows in soil so limit use of potted plants in your home.
- Avoid accumulation of paper products.
- If you have a house or duplex, remove leaves, clippings, etc., from around the house.

Remember, good ventilation is important! If there is a leak somewhere or mildew seems to be growing quickly and you have performed all necessary steps, call the office immediately. There may be a leak.

Call our office for more detailed information or consult the pamphlet we emailed you when you e-signed your lease. This pamphlet has more detailed information on this subject.