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## HOW TO PREVENT MOLD IN YOUR HOME

SIMPLE STEPS WITH YOUR HEALTH IN MIND



### ACT QUICKLY

#### CLEAN UP LEAKS OR SPILLS IMMEDIATELY

Moisture control is the key to mold control. If wet or damp materials or areas are dried within 24 to 48 hours after a leak or spill happens, in most cases, mold will not grow.

### CLEAN AND REPAIR

#### KEEP ROOF GUTTERS IN GOOD SHAPE

Clean and repair roof gutters regularly. Moisture stays in the gutter along with the debris which becomes an instant breeding ground for mold.



### MIND THE SLOPE

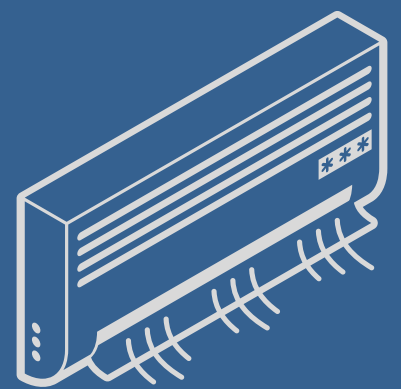
#### WHERE DOES THE WATER GO?

Make sure the ground slopes away from the building's foundation so that water does not enter or collect around the foundation.

### MAINTAIN THE FLOW

#### KEEP AN EYE ON YOUR AIR CONDITIONING

Keep air-conditioning drip pans clean and the drain lines unobstructed and flowing properly. Mold spores naturally traveling in the air attach to damp areas then begin to grow.



### WATCH YOUR WINDOWS

#### CONDENSATION CAN BE A CULPRIT

If you see condensation or moisture collecting on windows, walls, or pipes, dry the wet surface immediately. Reduce the moisture/water source, as this can be a sign of high humidity.

### MONITOR HUMIDITY

#### KEEP INDOOR HUMIDITY LOW

Keep indoor humidity below 60% relative humidity (ideally between 30% to 50%). This can be measured with a moisture or humidity meter—a small, inexpensive instrument available at hardware stores.

