

CONTROLLING MOLD AND MILDEW

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Let's face it! We live in a moist and humid climate. Moisture buildup is the leading cause of mold and mildew in our region, so to prevent them from building up in your home here are a few suggested guidelines to follow:

- **Be sure every area in your house has adequate ventilation at all times.**
- **Do not stack boxes or put your furniture flush against a wall, leave space for air to circulate.**
- **Keep the humidity level in your home below 50 %.**
- **Do not carpet bathrooms or other damp locations.**
- **Be sure you have a good bathroom fan that removes moist air.**
- **Leave your bathroom fan on for 20 minutes after showering.**
- **Clean your bathroom with mold/mildew killing projects.
(household bleach works well)**
- **Use “mold/mildew inhibitors” in paint.**
- **If mildew or mold forms, carefully remove it with full strength bleach and dry the area well.**
- **Dry out, remove or replace any water damaged materials quickly.**
- **Do not turn off your ceiling heat during the rainy months.**