

FACT SHEET

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Avoiding Moisture in Your Apartment

Apartments are built to be well sealed, which helps keep energy costs down. The downside is that moisture from everyday life, like showering, cooking, washing and even breathing, can't escape as easily. A few simple habits will keep your home fresh and dry, especially in winter.

Morning

- Open the windows to let fresh air in, especially in bedrooms.
- Wipe any condensation off windows and walls.

Showering

- Keep the bathroom door closed and turn the fan on.
- Leave the fan running for 20 minutes after you finish.

When you go out

- Open the blinds and curtains to let the sunshine in.
- If it's safe to do so, leave a window slightly open.
- Or, with the windows closed, set your air conditioner to "dry" mode on a timer for a few hours. Look for the water-drop symbol on the remote, and check the manual for details.



When you get home

Open the windows to freshen the air. If it's cold, keep them closed and use your heating.

Washing your clothes

- Turn the laundry fan on while you wash.
- Move wet clothes straight into the dryer, and keep the fan on for 15 minutes after the cycle ends.
- Empty any water container in the dryer after each use.

Quick tips

1. Make sure clothes and shoes are dry before putting them away.
2. Clean and air rugs and carpets regularly.
3. Wipe up spills straight away.
4. Moisture absorbers, like the ones shown, can be hung in cupboards or placed in rooms to help with ongoing dampness.

