

A guide to reducing

Condensation

in your home



What causes condensation?

Condensation is more likely to occur in rooms where there is a lot of moisture, such as bathrooms and kitchens, and in rooms where there are a lot of people.

In the UK, condensation problems occur more in the winter, when warmed air comes into contact with cold surfaces, or unheated parts of the home and turns into water droplets.

Where does moisture in the air come from?

Moisture is in the air all around us and there are lots of normal day-to-day activities that increase moisture in our homes, such as cooking, showering or bathing, washing and drying clothes.

When warm air comes into contact with colder parts of the house, such as an unheated room, or at night when the temperature drops, the moisture turns into condensation.

Homes which are unoccupied during the day can become cold, then suddenly warm again when everyone comes home.



As a tenant it's your responsibility to try and manage the moisture produced in your home.

How you can help

To minimise the impact of condensation on windows, sills and tiling wipe these down regularly particularly during the winter months.

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or email: **info@bushburyhill.co.uk**

Web: **<https://www.bushburyhill.co.uk/repairs/report-a-repair/>**

Ways of managing the moisture produced in your home

Bathing or showering

After a bath or shower ventilate the room by opening a window or leaving the extractor fan running with the door closed for at least 15 minutes will help. If the extractor fan isn't working please report it as a repair using the contact information shown below.



Cooking food

Use the extractor fan in the kitchen when cooking food. Alternatively simply opening a window will help. Again if the extractor fan isn't working please report it as a repair.



Trickle vents in windows should be left open to help air circulate

Heat your home to an adequate level during some point each day

Drying clothes

Dry clothes outdoors where possible

Your clothes may take longer to dry, but less moisture will build up in your home.

Tumble driers should be vented to the outside

If you have a condenser we recommend opening a window and closing the door to the room while it's in operation.

If you need to dry clothes indoors use a clothes horse located in just one room, with the door closed and the window open. Do not dry clothes on radiators.



Move furniture away from external walls to create a gap for air to circulate



If after following these guidelines you are still getting a build-up of condensation in your home, please report this via the BHEMB repair line on: **0800 328 4090**

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