

1. MOLD PREVENTION

1.1 PREVENTING MOLD ADDENDUM

TIP SHEET ON MOLD

Residents can help minimize mold growth in their home homes by taking the following actions:

Open windows. Proper ventilation is essential. If it is not possible to open windows, run the fan on the home air-handling unit to circulate fresh air throughout your home.

In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed.

If possible, maintain a temperature of between 50s and 80s Fahrenheit within your home at all times.

Clean and dust your home on a regular basis. Regular vacuuming, mopping and use of environmentally safe household cleaners are important to remove household dirt and debris that contribute to mold growth.

Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilets, windows and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner.

On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, like countertops, windows and windowsills.

Use the pre-installed bathroom fan or alternative ventilation when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the bathroom.

Use the exhaust fans in your kitchen when cooking or while the dishwasher is running and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the kitchen.

Use care when watering houseplants. If spills occur, dry up excess water immediately.

Ensure that your clothes dryer vent is operating properly, and clean the lint screen after every use.

When washing clothes in warm or hot water, watch to make sure condensation does not build up within the washer and dryer closet; if condensation does accumulate, dry with a fan or towel.

Thoroughly dry any spills or pet urine on carpeting.

Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Ventilation is important in these spaces.

Do not allow damp or moist clothes or other cloth materials to lie in piles for an extended period of time.

Immediately report to the management office (1) any water leak or excessive moisture in your home, storage room, garage, or any common area. Or (2) any musty odors that you notice in your home.

Immediately report to the management office any evidence of mold growth that you cannot remove by wiping with a common household cleaner. Report any area of mold that reappears despite regular cleaning.

Immediately report to the management office any malfunction with your heating, ventilation, air-conditioning system or laundry system. Do not block any heating, ventilation or air-conditioning ducts in your home.

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Date Signed