

HUMIDITY AND CONDENSATION IN THE HOME

As we move into fall and winter, residents will contact the Management Office to report that there is visible moisture on the interior of the glass surfaces of their windows and patio doors.

If you see surface condensation on your windows or patio doors, this is an indication that the humidity level within your suite is too high.

Humidity is produced when we perform everyday functions such as cooking, washing clothes, taking baths and showers and through normal respiration and skin evaporation.

Fortunately, it is possible to reduce the level of humidity in the home and Management hopes that you will find the following hints helpful.

1. Please utilize your kitchen exhaust fans while cooking. If possible, close the door to the kitchen and open a window for ventilation when using the stove.
2. Please close the bathroom door while showering. The bathroom should be kept well ventilated through use of the exhaust fan.
3. When doing laundry, please turn off your exhaust fan and consider opening a window. Please do not hang wet towels in the bathroom to dry.
4. Keep all rooms properly heated, even if unoccupied. Rooms should be heated to a minimum of 10 degrees Celsius.
5. Open a window or windows for a brief period to ventilate your homes each day.
6. Reduce the quantity of tropical plants in the home.
7. Draw heavy drapery treatments away from windows to permit the air to circulate.

Condensation on windows and doors is a visible warning that the level of humidity in the home is too high. By taking steps to control the humidity level, it should be possible to balance the humidity level so that it provides a comfortable environment without the risk of hidden moisture damage to walls, floors and window sills.