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MOISTURE PREVENTION GUIDELINES

The underlying reason that windows condense and/or mold develops on exterior walls or ceiling: The humidity level inside the building is too high for the ambient inside temperature of the glass or walls. These humidity levels and temperature levels are knowingly or unknowingly controlled by the individuals living within the residence.

If window condensation problem exists or mold develops: **Must use a humidistat to check inside humidity level**

CAUSE

Inside glass/wall temperature is too low OR inside relative humidity is too high

FACTORS

Outside temperature, inside temperature, inside humidity, and inside glass temperature

GOALS

Inside humidity of 35% AND inside temperature of all rooms and next to glass, to be above 70 degrees

DO NOTS:

- Do not use a humidifier
- Do not turn the heat down at night
- Do not use insulated blinds
- Do not close the blinds all the way
- Do not use an inside storm window kit
- Do not close any heat vents
- Do not close off any rooms (to lower temperature in a specific room)
- Do not use heat diverters (diverts heat away from outside wall to center of room)
- Do not stack boxes or clothing against an outside wall
- Do not vent the dryer into the house

DOS:

- Do keep the heat above 70 degrees
- Do use the bath fan for at least 30 minutes after a shower
- Do use the kitchen fan
- Do turn the furnace fan to *on* instead of *auto*
- Do keep the window blinds open or at a minimum of up 2" from bottom of window
- Do leave a 2" space between any boxes, clothing, furniture and an outside wall
- Do crack any window open if needed - or -
- If problem still exists then tenant needs to use a de-humidifier.