



Reducing condensation in your home

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Despite the healthy homes standards being in place for nearly 12 months, condensation continues to be a frustrating and persistent problem in Kiwi homes.

Whilst homes are warmer and have better ventilation, it doesn't guarantee the home will be free from wet windows in the colder months.

As the winter weather sets in, it is the ideal time to review the below tips to keep your home warm, dry, and moisture free (tips provided by *Tenancy Services; Raise the Standard*)

It is important to focus on preventing the condensation in the first instance rather than treatment. A dry home is easier to heat too.

Here are some healthy habits to reduce moisture and make it easier to keep your home and your whānau warm, dry and healthy.

- **Open** your windows and doors in the morning to give the house an air-out. 15 minutes should do it.
- **Wipe** off any condensation from the windows.
- **Dry** your washing outside if you can, or in a room with the doors closed and a window open (install window stays for security, so you can leave the window open during the day)
- **Open** your curtains during the day to let the sun warm the house, and close them just before it gets dark to keep the warmth in.

- **Move your furniture away from the walls so there is a gap to let the air flow through.**
- **Use the extractor fans in your bathroom and kitchen, and open your windows when showering or cooking.**
- **Use lids on your pots when you're cooking.**
- **Check maintenance items; things like blocked or leaking downpipes and gutters, leaks in pipes, dampness or leaks in walls or ceilings, and signs of mould can cause major problems if left unfixed.**