Preventing mould
in your home

Here's what the experts suggest to clean and prevent mould in your home.

What you need to know about mould

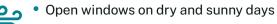**Mould grows in wet and humid conditions on most surfaces**

Mould can make some people feel unwell such as experiencing allergies and asthma

Mould wears out furniture and building materials faster

Ways to prevent mould

Increase airflow

- Open windows on dry and sunny days
- Use a pedestal fan to dry out rooms that are damp or have poor ventilation
- Use exhaust fan in the bathroom (if you have one)
- Limit the use of clothes dryers

Reduce moisture

- Close the bathroom door when bathing or showering
- Vacuum carpet and remove dust
- Open wardrobes to air clothes
- Dry wet clothes on a line or rack, outside if possible

Simple ways to remove mould

Household surfaces: mix 1 part white vinegar with 4 parts water and wipe surfaces clean with a cloth or paper towel

Leather: clean with a leather cleaner

Wood: clean with a wood oil

Delicate materials: if vinegar is not appropriate, clean with warm soapy water

Avoid bleach: it can create toxic fumes, damage surfaces and won't kill the mould

Need assistance?

Please call the Maintenance Line on 1800 422 322 if you suspect a water leak or other maintenance issue is causing mould.

For more information and to watch our video on keeping your home mould free, visit www.dpie.nsw.gov.au/land-and-housing-corporation/maintenance/videos-to-help-maintain-and-protect-your-home/mould-prevention or scan the QR code.

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