



How to combat moisture production

- ✓ Cover saucepans.
- ✓ Dry clothing outside rather than on radiators.
- ✓ Wipe away condensation as quickly as it's spotted.
- ✓ **Open windows as much as possible (especially after cooking or showering) to allow a through flow of air whilst maintaining a heat balance. If applicable keep trickle vents open constantly.**
- ✓ Ensure extractor fans are operational, you can test pull by holding a sheet of tissue paper against it and seeing if it sticks.
- ✓ Turn on the cold tap of the bath first so that when the hot water hits its doesn't produce as much steam.
- ✓ Close doors in wet areas to stop the spread of moisture to other rooms.
- ✓ Where possible position cupboards and drawers etc. against internal walls.



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Are you feeling the pressure of rising costs and finding it hard to know where to turn? You aren't alone and there are lots of organisations around to point you in the right direction.

We know times are hard and it can be tough to ask for help, but it's okay to do so and better to seek support before things get more difficult to manage.

Here for you webpage
<https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Council/The Deal/Deal Communities/Here for you/Index.aspx>

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Formed from the views of thousands of our residents, the Deal 2030 is an exciting and ambitious strategy for Wigan Borough.

It's a plan which aims to make Wigan Borough the best place it can be over the coming decade.

From improving the borough's town centres and making sure people are healthy, to getting children the best start in life and ensuring a litter free environment, the strategy sets out 10 ambitious goals for the borough.

Wigan Council The Deal 2030
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Damp mould & condensation



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Moisture comes from

Pints of water released into the air per day



Condensation

Condensation occurs in a dwelling when warm moist air produced by ordinary activities such as showering or cooking meets a cold surface such as an external wall or window.

The moisture laden air will remain internally if ventilation does not occur and will gravitate towards the nearest cold surface where it condenses.

Moisture is also naturally occurring in the air and when air temperatures drop it will release this water in droplet form. This is known as the dew point.

Condensation generally occurs during cold spells of weather. It will appear on cold surfaces and also in microclimatic areas where there is little movement; for example behind a cupboard. This will often lead to the formation of mould growth and mainly occurs in corners of rooms, in cupboards or on north facing walls, as these are generally the coldest.

An increased moisture content in the air	=	An increased risk of condensation and mould may grow as a result
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Causes of damp

Yes. Condensation may not be the only factor when mould growth occurs.

Rising damp can occur if the damp proof course or membrane within the walls or floors of your dwelling has been breached. Prevalent in ground floor flats as well as houses due to damp proof course failure, something that generally occurs over a long period of time.

Penetrating damp. Rain may also seep through cracks in brickwork or through missing tiles on external roof surfaces.

Blocked guttering may also mean water spills over and saturates external walls.

External plumbing which is cracked may allow seepage into internal parts.

TOP TIP It can be difficult to be certain of the exact cause of any dampness and so unless you are sure it may be wise to contact an RICS qualified surveyor or an experienced damp surveying contractor who has specialises working in this particular area.



Fighting mould

- ✓ Remove mould growth by wiping down walls and windows with a fungicidal wash available at most retailers. Take care because disturbing mould can increase the risk of respiratory problems. We advise wearing goggles and gloved when cleaning any mould
- ✓ After treatment, redecorate using a good quality fungicidal paint to help prevent mold recurring.
- ✓ Ensure insulation to external walls is in place

TOP TIP For a cost effective alternative - Wigan council recommends pouring 1 cup of bleach into 4.5 Litres of warm water. Dip a stiff-bristled brush into this solution and then scrub briskly. For tougher mould, pour some of the solution into a spray bottle, spray it on the area and allow it to sit for 30 minutes before scrubbing.

