



TIP OF THE MONTH



KEY PREVENTIVE MOLD TIPS FOR YOUR HOME

Heating and Air Conditioning

- Use filters that are MERV 6 or better and replace regularly.
- Vacuum/wipe off with damp cloth dust accumulations on return grills at the time of filter changing
- Maintain annual service contract for HVAC units; check AC coils before each cooling season.
- Install automatic HVAC shutoff in the event of freeze up or other malfunction for units on the 2nd floor, attic, etc.
- Check for water stains or discoloration on ceilings below HVAC units or roof areas.

Dehumidifiers

- The less humidity in the air, the less moisture, the less mold.; keep humidity level between 30-50% .
- Use dehumidifier during the humid months and in damp spaces such as your basement.
- Wet spots/condensation on windows, walls, etc. are possible indicators of high humidity.

Water Heater/Piping

- Check for water leaks; Install a water alarm next to the heater. Drain water heater periodically according to manufacturers instructions.
- Insulate cold piping showing signs of sweating/condensation; fix plumbing leaks, drips, ASAP.

Bathroom/Laundry Rooms

- Open windows or run the exhaust fan when showering; Leave shower doors open after showering.
- Exhaust fan positioning often draws water vapors to condense on walls, ceilings, and wallpaper.
- Do not use vinyl wallpaper in bathrooms, laundry rooms or kitchens.
- Vent dryer outdoors, periodically check that your vent is not clogged and working properly.
- Check for water leaks behind washing machines and under sinks; regularly clean dust accumulations.

Kitchen

- Check for leaks under sinks, under refrigerators and behind dishwashers. Vent appliances that create moisture to the outside whenever possible.
- Remove carpeting from bathrooms, kitchens, laundry and basements; place mat on carpeted areas directly from outdoor entries.
- Look for cold spots, staining, mold growth on exterior walls behind pictures, furniture, shelving, etc.

Roofs

- Look for missing or damaged roof tiles or shingles as well as damaged gutters/downspouts.
- Maintain seals around roof penetrations including skylights; Act quickly when a roof leak occurs.

When you need Professional Help or Advice, email AET at corporate@aetinc.biz. A homeowner's decision making and response immediately after a water leak or discovery of mold is the key to both cost savings and the health/safety of your family.