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TIPS TO PREVENT MOLD, MILDEW & FUNGI IN YOUR MANUFACTURED HOME/HOMESITE

Mold can become a problem in your manufactured home and or homesite if there is moisture available to allow it to thrive and multiply. The following sources of indoor moisture that may cause problems are:

- House plants (watering can generate large amounts of moisture);
- Steam from cooking;
- Shower/bath steam;
- Wet clothes on indoor drying lines; and
- Water leaks, improper window caulking allowing water to intrude.

There are several ways you can help prevent mold growth in your home. The following list may be used as a guide:

A. Remove Excess Moisture

1. Dry out mops and cleaning utensils thoroughly before storing inside your manufactured home.
2. Wipe down bathroom walls and shower doors immediately after bathing; allow towels to air out. Wash and dry towels often.
3. Wipe down any condensation from interior of windows and windowsills.

B. Keep Things Clean

1. Keep closets, dresser drawers - any place where mildew is likely to grow - as clean as possible.
2. Soil on dirty articles can supply enough food for mildew to start to grow when moisture and temperature is right.
3. Greasy films, such as those that form on kitchen walls, also contain many nests for mildew-causing growth.

C. Circulate the Air

1. When the outside is drier than the inside, ventilation allows the dry air to enter, take up excess moisture, and then be carried outside.
2. When natural breezes are not sufficient, use central air conditioning (fan only) and bath/laundry room exhaust fan(s) where available.
3. Poorly ventilated closets get damp and musty during continued wet weather, and articles stored in them are apt to mildew. Try to improve the air circulation by opening the closet doors. In addition, hang the clothes loosely so that air can circulate around them.
4. Dry all wet clothing (including clothes wet from rain or perspiration) before putting in the closet.