

## Moisture Reduction Tip Sheet

Thank you for choosing our community to live. We would like to extend to you some additional information, which will not only help you, but also allow us to provide you with the service and care of your new home. To help us maintain your home, we ask that you carefully read this tip sheet and help assure your home remains in good condition.

Mold will grow anywhere. Please help us by doing the positive things to eliminate this chronic problem. The following tips are for your review and information:

- Run apartment's air-handling unit to circulate fresh air throughout your apartment. If possible, maintain a temperature of between 50° and 80° Fahrenheit within your apartment at all times.
- In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed.
- Clean and dust your apartment on a regular basis as required by your lease. Regular vacuuming, mopping, and use of environmentally safe household cleaners is important to remove household dirt and debris that contribute to mold growth.
- Periodically clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, shower doors, shower curtains, toilets, windows and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner.
- On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, like countertops, windows, windowsills and doors.
- Use the pre-installed bathroom fan or alternative ventilation when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the bathroom.
- Use the exhaust fan in your kitchen when cooking or while the dishwasher is running and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the kitchen.
- Use care when watering houseplants. If spills occur, dry up excess water immediately.
- In properties which have washer/dryer hook-ups, when washing clothes in warm or hot water, watch to make sure condensation does not build up within the washer and dryer closet, if condensation does accumulate, dry with a fan or towel. Ensure that your clothes dryer vent is operating properly, and clean the lint screen after every use.
- Thoroughly dry any spills or urine on carpeting.
- Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Ventilation is important in these spaces.