

MOLD AND MILDEW

Fact Sheet

WHAT IS MOLD?

- ◆ Mold is part of the natural environment.
- ◆ Molds are microscopic fungi that are present almost everywhere in indoor and outdoor environments.
- ◆ Mold can grow on virtually any substance, providing moisture is present, to include wood, paper, carpet and food.



MOLD OR MILDEW?

Mildew is often mistaken for mold. Mildew usually appears as brown spots on the ceiling of bathrooms due to improper ventilation during steamy showers. Mold is black and will usually present itself in areas intended to remain dry that had too much moisture exposure.

WHAT TO DO TO PREVENT MOLD GROWTH:

There is no practical way to eliminate all mold and mold spores in the indoor environment. The only way to control indoor mold growth is to control moisture. Elevated moisture levels can cause mold growth in buildings.

HELP MINIMIZE MOLD/MILDEW GROWTH BY TAKING THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- ◆ Vent bathrooms, dryers and other moisture-generating sources to the outside.
- ◆ Use air conditioners and de-humidifiers to increase ventilation.
- ◆ Use exhaust fans when cooking, dishwashing and cleaning.
- ◆ Clean and dry any damp or wet building materials and furnishing within 24-48 hours to prevent mold growth.
- ◆ Use pre-installed bathroom fan while bathing or showering.
- ◆ Do not run the air conditioner with doors or windows open. It is not only an energy drain, but can also cause moisture inside your home that may lead to mold growth.

Mountain Vista Communities will treat all mold/mildew service request as an emergency, responding within 30-60 minutes once its reported. Once reported, an MVC Maintenance Technician will respond and look for any water leaks, water stains, discoloration on drywall, and any peeling or cracking paint. If mold has been found, MVC will begin the remediation process.

If you have a moisture or mold related concern, please immediately notify the Mountain Vista Communities Maintenance Office at 520-458-5885