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PREVENTING CONDENSATION IN YOUR HOME

Make sure your home is ready for winter and stays free from damp and condensation during the colder months

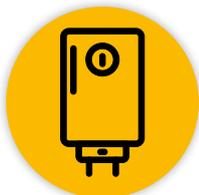


With winter fast approaching, it's important to get your home winter ready.

We want to share some steps you can take to make sure your home is healthy, and stays free from damp and condensation during the colder months.

1 Check your boiler

Even if you don't want to put your boiler on yet, you should test it's working by switching it on for one hour, and seeing if your radiators heat up. Pipes and boilers can seize up over the summer when they're not being used. If your boiler doesn't work, get in touch with us as soon as possible so we can get it fixed in time for winter.



2 Check your heaters

If you have a different type of heater, like storage heaters, or solar, you should check these too. Run the system for approximately 20 minutes to ensure it's working correctly. If any radiators or controls aren't working properly, get in touch with us.

3 Gas safety check

We carry out annual gas safety checks in your home. If your appointment's due, make sure you're in for it. These checks are legally required and important for your safety. If you've missed your appointment, please get in touch to rebook as soon as possible.

Did you know?

With normal use, an extractor fan costs approximately £9.60 per year to run in a bathroom and £12.90 per year in a kitchen.

Condensation occurs when the warm air in a room comes into contact with a cold surface, such as a window, mirror or wall, and turns into water droplets. This happens more in rooms where there is a lot of moisture, such as bathrooms and kitchens, and in rooms where there are a lot of people.

Keep the temperature levels in your home consistent

- If possible, keep the temperature in your home between **18 - 21 degrees**.

We know heating your home is more expensive than it's ever been, and therefore not always an option. For tips on how to save energy in your home, plus details of energy-related grants and benefits, check out our cost of living help at wrekin.com

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- Keep lids on pans when cooking.
- Close internal doors when showering or cooking.
- Use extractors in kitchens and bathrooms if you have one.
- Dry clothes outdoors. If you have to dry clothes indoors, leave the door of the room open a little and turn on a kitchen or bathroom extractor fan, so that the air can circulate freely and prevent condensation forming. You should also leave the windows open slightly, even in winter.

Keep air flowing through your home

- Open your bedroom windows for 10 minutes when you get up in the morning.
- Leave a small gap between furniture and external walls.
- Keep curtains or blinds open for at least four to five hours every day, so that trickle vents can work properly.

BATHROOM

Reduce the moisture left on tiling and shower screens, after showering, by giving them a quick wipe down.

Wipe down windows and sills, to remove condensation and pools of water.

Moisture absorbers can help tackle condensation by removing moisture from the air. They can be placed wherever condensation collects – including window sills, cupboards and smaller rooms. They can also be used in areas of high humidity, such as bathrooms and kitchens.



Following these tips will reduce the cost of redecoration and replacement items



During and after a bath or shower, open a window or use your extractor fan if you have one - or preferably both.

If your bathroom does not have a window, please open your bathroom door slightly for a short period of time with the extractor fan turned on. This will help the extractor draw moisture out of the bathroom.

Avoid drying clothes indoors and especially on radiators. If you have no option, dry your clothes in the bathroom with the door open a little and the extractor running, or with a window open.

KITCHEN

When you're cooking, open a window or use your extractor fan – or preferably both.

Using saucepan lids will save energy and reduce condensation.

If you're using a tumble-dryer inside your home, make sure it is properly vented.



Air your kitchen by opening a window for ten minutes, once you have finished cooking.

Try boiling your kettle next to an open window or under an extraction fan.

If you see condensation on any surfaces or windows, wipe them down.

LIVING ROOM

Keep curtains or blinds open for at least four to five hours every day.

Keep windows around your home open for a while every day (five to 10 minutes is enough) and always keep trickle vents at the top of window frames open by sliding the grill to allow air to pass through them.



Pull any furniture away from the wall to leave a gap for air to circulate.

Positioning a **hygrometer** in your living room will allow you to measure humidity and water vapour in the air – they are inexpensive and easily available to buy online.

For more information on how to use a hygrometer visit wrekin.com



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There are helpful videos about condensation in your home, on our website. Follow the QR code or search for 'condensation' to watch them.

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