



Mould is a fungus that grows in damp areas. It's usually green or black and can grow on walls, clothes or on furniture in areas with little air flow or ventilation.

After heavy rain or flooding, you may find mould in your home. Mould produces tiny spores which are carried in the air and can make you sick, particularly if you have asthma or other respiratory conditions. Link Wentworth can help you to tackle and treat mould – don't wait to contact us, if it occurs.

Who is responsible for mould in your home?

Your landlord has a legal obligation to provide a rental property that is fit to live in and is properly maintained.

At the same time, you have a responsibility to keep your home clean and report any damage to us.

If you have noticed a mould problem in your home, you need to let Link Wentworth know immediately. Call us on **13 14 21** and we will work with you to sort out a solution.

How can I prevent mould growing in my home?

Here are some tips for ensuring your home is 'aired out'

- Use fans where possible, and exhaust fans when showering, cooking or doing laundry.
- Keep windows and doors open to keep air circulating, if the weather permits.
- Try not to push furniture up against walls.
- Declutter rooms and wardrobes.
- Don't use kerosene and unflued gas heaters as they contribute to the buildup of moisture.
- Try not to use a humidifier.
- If you use a dryer, make the house is well ventilated. Do not dry clothes in front of a heater - this increases air moisture and is also a fire hazard.
- Report all water leaks or plumbing problems as soon as they occur, including burst water pipes, leaking roofs or blocked rain gutters.
- Use de-humidifiers or moisture absorbers (available from hardware stores and some supermarkets).
- Regularly wipe surfaces that get damp.

What should I do if I discover mould in my home?

If you do find mould in your home, you should let us know.

Part of our responsibility to tenants is to help manage home maintenance issues including mould.

You can also treat mould as soon as it appears.

Use either a mild detergent, vinegar diluted in water (4 parts vinegar to a 1 part water) or 1 teaspoon of tea tree oil per cup of water. If the mould is hard to remove, use a diluted bleach solution (250mL of bleach in 4L of water). Always refer to the safety instructions, ventilate the area and protect your skin, eyes, and clothes.

To let us know that you have an issue with mould, please get in touch.

If you need more information, please contact Link Wentworth on **13 14 21** or email enquiries@linkwentworth.org.au

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