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To prevent and control condensation, it is important to control the humidity and moisture levels in your apartment (managing the temperature and air flow inside, and keeping cold air away) in order to reduce moisture build up and mildew.

**Recommended measures:**

- 1- Reduce the humidity inside of your apartment and adjust it according to the temperature outside. It is suggested that when the temperature outside is below 0°F (-18°C), the humidity in your apartment should be between 15 and 25%, while when the temperature outside is between 0° and 40°F (-18° and 4° C), the humidity inside should be between 25 and 40%.
- 2- Use the bathroom and kitchen vents when you are cooking or bathing. Running them for at least 20 minutes after you shower or cook is helpful. When steaming and boiling food, lids should be used to keep liquids inside the pots/pans.
- 3- Plants produce moisture. If you are having issues with condensation, consider placing some of your plants outdoors.
- 4- If your clothes are not fully dry before you put them away, consider hanging them outdoors. Water evaporating from your clothing may add excess moisture to the air inside of your apartment.
- 5- Improve ventilation and air circulation by opening doors and windows when the weather permits for a short period of time.

**Keep your apartment at the right temperature.** Managing the temperature inside of your apartment is an important part of controlling condensation. Condensation can only form if there is a cold surface where the moisture can pool, so keeping windows and walls warm is essential. It's important that warm air is released from the baseboard heaters and that the air can circulate free on the surface of windows and walls to prevent condensation.

Baseboards are convection heaters designed and used to warm the air in a room. They produce hot air that rises to the ceiling and this causes the cooler air to fall to the floor, helping the circulation of the air in the room that prevent the condensation in the window and wall areas. Therefore it is important that baseboards should be running and diffuse the proper amount of hot air to the unit.

Please avoid placing objects (furniture, boxes etc.) close to the baseboards to help regulate the circulation of air and to help prevent fires. It is also important to open drapes and curtains allowing air to circulate against the windows and to reduce the formation of condensation.

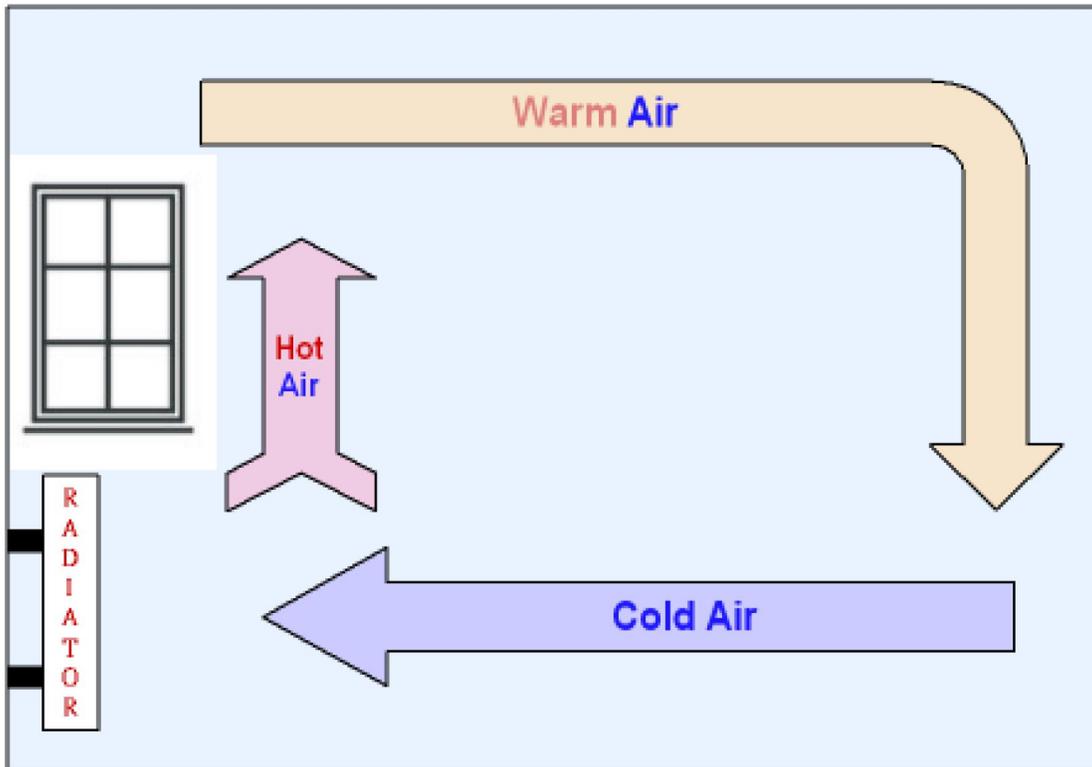


Fig 1. The diagram above shows that as hot air rises, heat is diffused and pushes cold air, which helps to provide warm air circulation in other areas preventing condensation in the window and walls.

It is important to follow the suggested measures above to help prevent any condensation/mildew creation in your unit, and please be sure to report any condensation problems to the management team.

Sincerely,

CLV Group Team



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