

CONTROLLING HUMIDITY IN YOUR HOME

All homes will have humidity in them and this will differ from home to home. Some factors that will change the humidity levels are as follows: The amount of cooking, bathing/showering, air drying clothes, and the setting of your humidifier to name a few (humidifier dial is usually located on the fresh air return in the basement). In the winter, humidity can cause excess condensation as well as frosting on windows which, if not controlled, can damage the casing and finishing around the window as well as the floor below the window. There are a number of steps you as a homeowner can take to control the humidity in your home to minimize the effect it may have. Please note that while these steps can help keep the humidity down in the home, windows may still frost depending on temperatures both in and out of the home, wind, window facing, etc.

Step 1: During the cold winter months it is important to turn your humidifier down to a lower setting.

Step 2: Ensure there is adequate space for air flow between the bottom of the blinds/curtains/drapes and the window sill. It is important that air has access to the window to help allow it to dry excess moisture and to keep air flowing against the window.

Step 3: Check that your Inline fan is working by pressing it and looking for a blue light to come on. It will be preprogrammed by our heating contractor to come on automatically but during the cool months or if you are experiencing high humidity levels you can manually press it to activate the fan more frequently which will remove the humidity as well as stale air in the home.

Step 4: When cooking or showering it is important you run your exhaust fans during, as well as after cooking or bathing (approx. 30 minutes or more) to remove the humidity created during these periods.

Step 5: To create more air circulation you can also turn your thermostat fan to "ON" to create more air movement throughout the home which will again allow for the home to dry so that the humidity will be minimized.

Thank you,

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