

Valley Investment Properties, Inc. strives to provide housing as free from mold as reasonably possible.

### **Why Preventing Mold Growth is Important!**

Potential health concerns/issues may arise when people are exposed to mold.  
Mold can be destructive to property.

### **All of our resident's agree to:**

- 1.) Notify management promptly if any mold problems appear to exist.
- 2.) Live and behave in such a manner to minimize the likelihood of mold growth.
- 3.) Clean, disinfect, and completely dry any hard surfaces where mold is seen.

Mold is everywhere; the spores float through the air, both indoors and outdoors. Molds can grow on wood, carpets, walls, ceilings, etc. Molds tend to grow indoors when spores land on a damp surface; and worsen if moisture is not completely dried out in a timely fashion. Moisture enters your dwelling in various ways. The most common causes for excess moisture are: leaks in the roof or walls, seeping in the basement, showering/bathing, cooking, etc. Mold growth is unlikely if you keep the interior humidity below 40%.

Practical ways for YOU to minimize mold growth in your home!

### ***Ventilate and Circulate!***

Run the exhaust fan when showering/bathing, continue to run fan for approx. 30 minutes after bathing. Open the window if you don't have a fan.

Use kitchen exhaust fan, and/or open a window when cooking and washing dishes.

Open window or run fan when doing laundry.

Turn up the heat/thermostat if condensation is visible on windows/ walls.  
(Maintain an indoor temperature above 55 degrees.)

Completely dry ALL water spills.

Every week or so, open a few windows and get some fresh air!

### ***Clean, Disinfect, Dry!***

1. Use a detergent like Pine Sol or Lysol and hot water.
2. Disinfect with a mild bleach solution, (one cup bleach to one gallon water.)  
(Porous surfaces should be washed with TSP, (tri-sodium-phosphate) before bleaching.)
3. Dry completely!

### ***Report to Valley Investment Properties, Inc. ALL water intrusion or moisture issues!***

1. Leaks! In the roof, gutters, doors, windows, etc.
2. Standing water anywhere inside the dwelling.
3. Leaking pipes, sweating pipes, toilets.
4. Dripping faucets, Running toilets.
5. Reappearance of visible mold or a moldy smell; after you have cleaned, disinfected, and dried.

