

Quality Homes and Quality Care

As homebuilders we want to satisfy customers so if you encounter problems with your new home, contact Nordahl Homes, Inc. There also are **things you can do** to maintain the quality of your new home and avoid problems like mold from occurring.

Some people can develop allergy-like symptoms if exposed to mold. Although the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other health agencies acknowledge there is no way to eliminate all mold, its growth can be reduced, mold develops under certain conditions, particularly when there is an excess of moisture in an area. The best way to avoid indoor mold growth is to **avoid unnecessary moisture**.

The following guidelines are designed to inform you of conditions and activities that can cause excessive moisture and ways to help you avoid it.

**keep it dry,
keep it
clean.**

Activities That Produce Moisture Inside Your Home

Cooking produces moisture by way of steam.

Baths and showers also produce steam.

Watering houseplants can generate large amounts of humidity.

Drying clothes on **indoor clotheslines** or racks can also be a source of moisture.

Spills or leaks that are not properly cleaned will lead to moisture in the home.

Things You Can Do To Help Avoid Mold Growth

Keep surfaces clean: Mold grows on materials contaminated with soil and grease.

Use a **grease cutting solution** of detergent and water to wash walls and floors.

Wipe down shower walls with a sponge or squeegee after use.

Always **use a fan or open a window** when cooking, showering or using the laundry.

After cleaning carpets, **make sure they are dry before** replacing furniture.

Be sure to ventilate: Open windows and doors regularly to ensure adequate airflow.

Do not let water in air conditioning or refrigerator drip pans **stand for a long time**.

Make sure that **your clothes dryer** is vented to the outside.

Use drying agents-such as silica gel-to reduce moisture in drawers.

Reduce sources of moisture coming in from the outside by sloping earth away from the foundation.

Never put clothes away if they are **damp**.

Dehumidify areas: A dehumidifier or an air conditioner will help dry the air.

Clean and dry wet or damp spots **within 48 hours**.

Store books and paper in conditions that **allow air circulation** and provide light.

Remember: These tips are meant to help you **avoid** moisture in your home. If you have a **problem** with moisture in your new home, **your builder wants to know!**