

## Tenant Checklist for Preventing Mold in an Apartment

### A dry apartment is a healthier apartment!

Landlords and tenants share the responsibility of preventing moisture and mold in an apartment. Help your landlord by following these steps to keep your apartment clean and dry:

- ☐ Turn on bathroom ventilation fan or open the window when showering.
- ☐ Turn on kitchen ventilation fan when cooking. If fan isn't vented outdoors (ask your landlord), also crack open a window when cooking.
- ☐ Clean up any water spill or leak **immediately** especially around the tub, sink, toilet, washing machine, and plants.
- ☐ Never leave wet towels or laundry on the floor. Hang them up to dry.
- ☐ Dry all wetted areas, especially carpets and furniture, quickly and thoroughly.
- ☐ Clean showers and tubs regularly.
- ☐ Vacuum at least once a week.
- ☐ If your refrigerator was made before 2000, check and empty the drip pan often. Ask your landlord how to do this.
- ☐ Clean refrigerator regularly, inside and out.
- ☐ Check the following areas for moisture or leaks:
  - ☐ Pipes under sinks or by washing machine
  - ☐ Window and door frames
  - ☐ Ceilings and walls
  - ☐ Basement
- ☐ Monitor the relative humidity (RH) in your unit. Notify your landlord if the RH is consistently above 60%.
- ☐ **Notify the landlord immediately if you see a problem**, especially if liquid water is leaking in from a roof leak, a plumbing leak, or other flooding event.

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This checklist is based on the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council's *Tenant Checklist for Preventing Mold in an Apartment*: <https://maineindoorair.org/iaq-in-rental-properties/>