

MODEL HOUSE RULES

Inform Residents of Their Mold Prevention Responsibilities

Here are Model House Rules on preventing mold growth at your site. The rules tell residents what steps they should take to prevent mold, and what they should do if they find mold, or a condition that could cause mold. Show these rules to your attorney to ensure compliance with your state and local laws and to tailor them to your site.

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HOUSE RULES ON PREVENTING MOLD

To minimize the occurrence and growth of mold, you must:

- 1. Remove moisture accumulation.** Promptly remove any visible moisture accumulation in your unit, including moisture on walls, windows, windowsills, floors, ceilings, closets, storage areas, and bathroom fixtures. Mop up any spills and thoroughly dry affected area as soon as possible. Use exhaust fans in kitchen and bathrooms when necessary. Keep climate and moisture in your unit at reasonable levels.
- 2. Keep unit clean.** Clean and dust your unit regularly and keep the unit, particularly the kitchen and bathroom, clean.
- 3. Notify management.** Promptly notify management in writing of:
 - a.** A water leak, excessive moisture, or standing water in your unit;
 - b.** Mold growth in your unit that persists after you've tried several times to remove it with household cleaning solutions, such as Lysol or Pine-Sol disinfectants, Tilex Mold & Mildew Remover, or a combination of water and bleach. (Follow the manufacturer's instructions when using these products.);
 - c.** Malfunctions in the heating, air conditioning, or ventilation system in your unit; and
 - d.** Mold or musty odors in your unit or in a common area.

Liability. If you fail to follow these rules, you may be held responsible for property damage and any health problems that may result.