

CONDENSATION ON YOUR WINDOWS?

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**DON'T WORRY, IT'S NORMAL!
WE'LL SHOW YOU HOW YOU CAN MANAGE IT.**



Energy-efficient homes are sealed tightly, so they may experience more condensation than older homes.

What is it? Window condensation is the result of high humidity levels in your home. It occurs when air becomes saturated with too much humidity, and can no longer hold the water vapor. When warm, moist air contacts a cooler surface, such as windows and doors, it condenses onto the cool surface.

What causes it?

Condensation occurs when the glass surface temperature is at or below the dew point for the amount of humidity inside the home. When warmer air, which can hold more moisture than cooler air, contacts the cool surface of the glass, the air condenses and appears as fog, steam, or water droplets on the cool surface. This is more of a problem in the winter, when homes are tightly sealed and there is a greater difference in temperature between the air inside and outside of the home.

How to manage it?

- Make sure you have proper ventilation throughout your home, especially in high humidity areas such as the kitchen and the bathrooms. Run the ventilation fans longer and more often in these rooms.
- Run a dehumidifier regularly. Make sure they are well drained and working properly.
- Open your drapes, shades, and blinds to allow warm indoor air circulation against windows.

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