

TIPS FOR AVOIDING MOULD IN RENTAL PREMISES:

Humidity of 90% and constant rain have presented the ideal conditions for mould to grow in houses throughout Queensland.

The following measures will assist in the prevention of mould spores multiplying within households:

- ✓ Adequate ventilation – open all windows where possible, turn on fans, bathroom extraction fans, draw curtains back and use air conditioning units sparingly.
- ✓ If mould spores appear on ceilings, windows, walls, etc act immediately.
- ✓ Domestic mould treatments can be purchased economically from supermarkets (ALDI has a particularly good one that is very reasonably priced).
- ✓ If mould spores appear on ceilings or walls then anti mould treatments can be applied with a paint roller and extension pole – please cover all soft furnishings and carpeted areas prior to application to prevent damage to premises and personal possessions.
- ✓ Follow instructions on anti mould products – these must be rinsed from walls, ceilings, etc after use to avoid damage to paintwork.
- ✓ If mould appears on external screens spray with anti mould product and rinse carefully with a hose.

Please remember that these suggestions protect not only premises but also the health of those living in affected properties. Mould spores traditionally appear black in colour but also produce yellow spots. Inspect ceilings regularly and walls hidden by furniture as mould tends to start growth in these areas. Curtains are another area that mould thrives in and these should be washed as per instructions and exposed to sunlight to inhibit mould growth.