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TOP TWENTY TIPS TO REDUCE MOLD AND CREATE A HEALTHY IAQ

1. Keep indoor relative humidity below 60% (30%-50% is best). You can purchase a digital thermo-hygrometer (thermometer indoor hygrometer) through Amazon or at your local hardware store.
2. Use ceiling fans to increase air flow.
3. Regular dusting/cleaning can reduce the food source for mold.
4. Do not use bleach. Read the directions on all cleaning products to use them effectively. Be careful to not mix bleach and ammonia products as it can create a toxic gas.
5. Do not smoke indoors. Nicotine is a food source for mold.
6. Change air conditioning filters regularly (use a pleated MERV 8 or greater). MERV stands for the Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value. 3M Filters have a different rating scale, but they have a conversion scale on the back of the package that rate their filters back to MERV ratings.
7. Pay attention to dust build-up around air conditioning grills.
8. Humidity can be reduced by the use of the bath exhaust fan while showering and allowing the fan to run after shower completion. Usually running the bath fan during and for eight minutes after showering will help. Leave bathroom doors open after showering.
9. Allow interior closet/pantry doors to remain partially open for ventilation. Pay attention to HVAC vents in the closet and be sure there is appropriate ventilation.
10. Remove spoiled food and household trash regularly.
11. Mop/wipe-up spills and excess moisture in the home quickly.
12. Keep Heating, Ventilating, & Air-Conditioning (HVAC) systems and furnaces regularly maintained.
13. Make certain the HVAC system is on auto instead of "fan."
14. Remove excess condensation from windowsills quickly. Check windows for leaks and seal any openings around windows and doors.
15. Regularly check for water leaks around common sources like shower stalls, kitchen and bath sinks, water heater tanks, washing machine hoses, and Air Conditioning drip pans.
16. Use approved biocides in Air Conditioning drip pans to prevent microbial accumulation.
17. Vacuum and clean carpets regularly.
18. Consider adding a humidistat to HVAC systems if you live in high humidity climates. Be sure that the humidistat is installed correctly and works properly.
19. Repair water leaks quickly.
20. Call a certified water restoration professional immediately after a large water loss.

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