PREVENTING MOLD & MILDEW

Part of your responsibility as the tenant in WIS apartment is to keep the apartment in a good state of repair. We request that you pay particular attention to preventing mold and mildew in your apartment, so that you will not be charged with repairs and repainting costs.

Mold and mildew are hard to remove, but not hard to prevent. Since Israel is a humid country most of the year, you must make it hard for mold and mildew to grow.

How to keep your apartment free from mold and mildew:

- Keep things and places clean. Even small amounts of dirt or dried food will help mildew grow. Keeping closets, drawers, walls and clothing clean will prevent many mildew problems.
- To keep your home dry (reduce humidity):
  - Wipe down shower walls after taking a shower.
  - Cover pots while cooking.
  - Use air conditioner to remove moisture from the air.
  - Use exhaust fans in the kitchen, utility room and bathroom.
- Be sure you have air movement in all areas.
  - Open windows to let outside air in.
  - Leave closet doors and dresser drawers open sometimes.
  - Be sure clothing is dry when stored.
  - Store items where they will not get damp.
  - Don't put furniture tightly against the wall.
- Dry the air.
  - Use a heater or dehumidifier if the house is damp.
  - Use chemicals such as Silica gel to absorb moisture. Place on a closet shelf or hang in a cloth bag to absorb moisture. Keep out of the reach of children.
- Keep fabrics clean and dry.
  - Open shower curtains out to dry after taking a shower – to clean them do the following:
    - Wash using a solution of 1/2 cup liquid disinfectant to 1 gallon of hot water.
    - Rinse with a mixture of one cup lemon juice and one cup salt to a gallon of hot water.
    - Wash with detergent and bleach (using colour-safe bleach on color fabrics).
    - Rinse in clear water

Thank you kindly for your cooperation!

VS housing team