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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