
FACILITIES NOTIFICATION: Humidity Information

1 message

Residential Facilities <resfacilities@umd.edu>
To: Residential Facilities SHARED <resfacilities@umd.edu>
Bcc: cmoore@umd.edu

Wed, Sep 19, 2018 at 5:08 PM

Dear Residents of Cumberland Hall and Leonardtown Buildings 238-243,

Over the past few days, we have received reports from residents about mold developing on furniture and other surfaces in their bedrooms. Please be assured that our staff are working quickly to address these concerns. Due to the heavy rains and higher than usual temperatures over the past few weeks, our area has seen higher than average relative humidity levels outside, which have in turn increased the humidity levels inside the buildings - the result is a sustained high moisture level in the building that can make things feel damp or "sticky".

What can residents do to help?

The most important things that you can do to help with this situation are:

1. Help us keep extra moisture out of the building. Make sure your bedroom windows and windows in bathrooms, common areas, lounges and stairwells are closed as much as possible, particularly during periods of rain or high humidity outside. Fans in open windows on humid days will make the problem worse.
2. Please make sure your window (or through-the-wall) air-conditioner is turned on to at least a low fan speed and temperature setting (low cooling or between 72° and 74°F).
3. If you are comfortable doing it, keep your bedroom door open *when you're in the room* so air enters your room.

If you are experiencing elevated humidity in your room, difficulties with the operation of your air-conditioning unit (no air or warm air), or any other facilities-related issues in your residence hall, please let us know as soon as possible by calling our 24-Hour Service Center at 301-314-9675.

Individuals with specific health concerns are encouraged to discuss those concerns with their physician or the University Health Center.

Please feel free to reply to this email, or call us at 301-314-3486 if you have additional questions.

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Dear Residents of Anne Arundel, La Plata, Queen Anne's, and Somerset Halls,

Over the past few days, we have received reports from residents about mold developing on furniture and other surfaces in their bedrooms. Please be assured that our staff are working quickly to address these concerns. Due to the heavy rains and higher than usual temperatures over the past few weeks, our area has seen higher than average relative humidity levels outside, which have in turn increased the humidity levels inside the buildings - the result is a sustained high moisture level in the building that can make things feel damp or "sticky".

What can residents do to help?

The most important things that you can do to help with this situation are:

1. Help us keep extra moisture out of the building. Make sure your bedroom windows and windows in bathrooms, lounges and stairwells are closed as much as possible, particularly during periods of rain or high humidity outside. Fans in open windows on humid days will make the problem worse.
2. Please make sure that there are at least 12 inches of space in front of your fan coil unit so that the air can flow freely into and out of the unit.
3. Please make sure your fan coil unit is turned on to at least a low setting (lift the hinged door on top and adjust dial).
4. If you are comfortable doing it, keep your bedroom door open *when you're in the room* so air from the corridor enters your room.

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Dear Residents of Bel Air, Calvert, Cambridge, Centreville, Denton, Dorchester, Easton, Harford, Oakland, and Prince Frederick Halls,

Over the past few days, we have received reports from residents about mold developing on furniture and other surfaces in their bedrooms. Please be assured that our staff are working quickly to address these concerns. Due to the heavy rains and higher than usual temperatures over the past few weeks, our area has seen higher than average relative humidity levels outside, which have in turn increased the humidity levels inside the buildings - the result is a sustained high moisture level in the building that can make things feel damp or "sticky".

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1. Help us keep extra moisture out of the building. Make sure your bedroom windows and windows in bathrooms, lounges and stairwells are closed as much as possible, particularly during periods of rain or high humidity outside. Fans in open windows on humid days will make the problem worse.
2. Please make sure that there are at least 12 inches of space in front of your fan coil unit so that the air can flow freely into and out of the unit.
3. If you are comfortable doing it, keep your bedroom door open *when you're in the room* so air enters your room.

If you are experiencing elevated humidity in your room, difficulties with the operation of your air-conditioning unit (no air or warm air), or any other facilities-related issues in your residence hall, please let us know as soon as possible by calling our 24-Hour Service Center at 301-314-9675.

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Dear Residents of Suites/Apartments in St. Mary's Hall, Leonardtown Buildings 244-249, and the South Hill Community (except Calvert, Cecil, and Harford),

Over the past few days, we have received reports from residents about mold developing on furniture and other surfaces in their bedrooms. Please be assured that our staff are working quickly to address these concerns. Due to the heavy rains and higher than usual temperatures over the past few weeks, our area has seen higher than average relative humidity levels outside, which have in turn increased the humidity levels inside the buildings - the result is a sustained high moisture level in the building that can make things feel damp or "sticky".

What can residents do to help?

The most important things that you can do to help with this situation are:

1. Help us keep extra moisture out of the building. Make sure your bedroom windows and windows in bathrooms, common areas, and stairwells are closed as much as possible, particularly during periods of rain or high humidity outside. Fans in open windows on humid days will make the problem worse.
2. Please make sure that the thermostat in your common area is set to AUTO, set to COOL mode, and the temperature set between 72°F and 74°F.
3. If you are comfortable doing it, keep your bedroom door open *when you're in the room* so air enters your room.

If you are experiencing elevated humidity in your room, difficulties with the operation of your air-conditioning unit (no air or warm air from vents), or any other facilities-related issues in your residence hall, please let us know as soon as possible by calling our 24-Hour Service Center at 301-314-9675.

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