



High humidity during the warmest months of the year are prime conditions for mold growth in facilities throughout the Carolinas. Our residence halls are no exception. Below are a couple of tips from our Campus Services staff to help prevent the growth of mold and mildew in your space.

- Report any water problems (leaks behind a toilet or under sinks, dripping faucets, wet carpet, leak from a ceiling, moisture under tiles, drips heard behind the air intake cover, etc.) immediately by a [WingateFixIt](#) request.
- If a bath exhaust fan (usually located near the bathroom light switch) is provided in your living space, be sure to turn the fan on when showering.
- Clean your space regularly, including your shower curtain liner.
- Never allow water to sit on soft surfaces (carpets, towels, sheets, etc.) for long periods of time.
- During warm, humid periods (especially August through October) set your thermostat no lower than 65 degrees Fahrenheit.
- If your unit has a “Dry setting”, please utilize this to help decrease the moisture in the space.
- If you need to adjust the temperature in the room, use the fan and temperature settings, rather than turning the unit off.
- Make sure that nothing is pushed against or sitting on top of the HVAC units that interferes with airflow to or from the unit. Examples include curtains, bed spreads, shelves, blankets, etc. **Air needs to circulate freely to help prevent mold.**
- Do not set liquids on the unit (plants, drinks, etc.)
- Do not leave wet towels or clothes laying around.
- Do not prop exterior building doors and keep windows closed.

- Do not open windows while heating or cooling units are operating. This will cause condensation and may contribute to mold growth.
- If you see or suspect mold or mildew in the building or your room, submit a WingateFixIt request.
- If you've been provided with a University dehumidifier, **check the unit daily and empty out any water that has accumulated** to ensure it continues to dehumidify the room. You should aim to keep the humidity of the room below 53-55%. If it's not running or needs repair, fill out a WingateFixIt request.

Campus Service staff does periodically monitor humidity levels in residence halls, but please let us know if you see something that is concerning.