UW BOTHELL HOUSING MOLD AND MILDEW POLICY

Student acknowledges that it is necessary for Student to provide appropriate climate control, keep the Unit clean, and take other measures to retard and prevent mold and mildew from accumulating in the Unit. Student agrees to clean his or her assigned Unit on a regular basis and to remove visible moisture accumulation on windows, walls, and other surfaces as soon as reasonably possible. Student agrees not to block or cover any of the heating or ventilation ducts in the Unit. Student also agrees to immediately report to the University community advisory or residence director (1) any evidence of excessive moisture in the Unit, common areas, or anywhere else on the Student Housing premises; (2) any evidence of mold or mildew growth that cannot be removed by simply applying a common household cleaner and wiping the area; (3) any failure or malfunction in the heating or ventilation system in the Unit; and (4) any inoperable doors or windows. Student further agrees that Student shall be responsible for damage to the Unit and Student’s property as well as personal injury to Student or Student’s guests resulting from Student’s failure to comply with this Addendum.

Student acknowledges receiving a copy of this tip sheet for the prevention of mold growth in the Unit and acknowledges that Student can help minimize mold growth in the Unit by taking the following actions:

1. Open windows. Proper ventilation is essential. If it is not possible to open windows, run the fan in the Unit to circulate fresh air throughout the Unit.
2. In damp or rainy weather conditions, keep windows and doors closed.
3. If possible, maintain a temperature between 50-80 degrees Fahrenheit within your Unit at all times.
4. Clean and dust your Unit on a regular basis. Regular vacuuming, mopping, and use of environmentally safe household cleaners is important to remove household dirt and debris that contribute to mold growth.
5. Clean and dry the walls and floors around the sink, bathtub, shower, toilets, windows, and patio doors using a common household disinfecting cleaner.
6. On a regular basis, wipe down and dry areas where moisture sometimes accumulates, like countertops, windows, windowsills, bathroom sinks, toilets, and shower enclosures.
7. Use the bathroom fan, if any, or other means of ventilation when bathing or showering and allow the fan to run until all excess moisture is vented from the room.
8. Use the exhaust fans in your kitchen when cooking or while the dishwasher is running. Allow the fan to run until all excess moisture has vented from the kitchen.
9. Use care when watering house plants. If spills occur, wipe up the excess immediately.
10. To ensure that the clothes dryer vent is operating properly, clean the lint filter after every use.
11. When washing clothes in warm or hot water, watch to make sure condensation does not build up within the washer and dryer area.
12. Thoroughly clean and dry any spills on the carpeting.
13. Do not overfill closets or storage areas. Ventilation is important in these spaces.
14. Do not allow damp or moist stacks of clothing or other cloth materials to lie in piles for an extended period of time.
15. Immediately report any evidence of a water leak or excessive moisture in your Unit, or any Common Area.
16. Immediately report University staff any evidence of mold growth that cannot be removed by simply applying a common household cleaner and wiping the area. Also, report any area of mold that reappears despite regular cleaning.
17. Immediately report University staff any failure or malfunction with heating or ventilation in your Unit.
18. Immediately report University staff any inoperable windows or doors.
19. Immediately report University staff any musty odors that you notice in your Unit.