



Moulds and stains

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From time to time you may notice stains, mould or 'slime' in areas where you use water, for example in bathrooms, around the taps or on shower curtains.

In most cases, this is not caused by the water itself, but from airborne mould spores which like to grow in damp places. Whilst these moulds and stains are not harmful to your health, they are not nice to look at. You may have noticed:

- Black or orange stains/slime on taps and shower head
- Black or orange stains on the grouting, between tiles or where water sits
- Black or orange stains/slime in the washing machine soap drawer or around the door seal
- Black or orange stains/slime in refrigerator drip trays
- Black or orange stains/slime on the end of cold water taps, kitchen bathroom or outside tap
- Reddish-pink colour on shower curtains

Why does this occur?

Fungal spores and bacteria are naturally present in the environment. Fungi like to grow in warm, damp, humid conditions and thrive where there is an additional source of nutrients. The problem can be made worse if the area is poorly ventilated or if aerosol deodorants or other sprays are used. The aerosol droplets can provide a food source for the mould.

If not dealt with at their onset some biofilms can grow into certain materials and leave a permanent stain.



The type of mould and stains found in your home usually aren't harmful.

What can I do about moulds and stains?

- One of the best ways to prevent moulds and stains is to improve ventilation by using an extractor fan or by opening windows to allow wet areas to dry quicker.
- Minimise the use of air fresheners and aerosols - these provide nutrients for the mould to grow.
- Keep the areas clean. Household cleaners, disinfectant or bleach can be used to kill off the bacteria and clean the stains.

Moulds and stains are not caused by the water itself or by the water fittings.



How to contact us

You can call us, send us a contact form or chat to us live online to discuss moulds, stains or anything else.

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