

THE HEALTHY HOME

Mold: An Avoidable Threat In Your Home

(NAPSA)—Mold is a dirty word—especially when it comes to your home.

Mold can form anywhere there is air and moisture. When it finds the right conditions in your home, mold can cause a variety of health problems because it can produce allergens (substances that can cause allergic reactions), irritants and, in some cases, potentially toxic substances (mycotoxins). Molds can also cause asthma attacks in people with asthma who are allergic to mold.

Common places for mold to form are appliances that contain moisture and food, such as dryers, stoves and kerosene heaters, as well as poorly insulated windows.

To prevent mold, experts recommend:

- Reducing humidity with air conditioners and dehumidifiers
- Increasing ventilation by opening windows and doors, when practical
- Covering cold surfaces, such as cold-water pipes, with insulation
- Installing double-paned, insulating glass windows made with Super Spacer®.

Taking the time to select the right windows can help you drastically reduce a major mold producer—condensation (moisture on windows). Condensation occurs when high moisture contacts glass of a lower temperature.

Therefore, higher indoor humidity and cool air outside can cause condensation.

By purchasing windows with insulating components such as the Super Spacer warm-edge system, argon gas filling and low-e coatings, condensation is drastically reduced. These components pro-



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vide a warmer glass temperature, which cuts down on condensation and mold.

Windows made with metal spacer systems will not provide the same amount of protection against condensation and mold.

An all-foam insulating spacer that is positioned between the two panes of glass in an insulating glass window not only provides the warmest window available for improved condensation resistance, but it also helps save on energy bills, reduces outside noise for a quieter home and creates a healthier indoor environment for your family.

So when it comes to purchasing new windows for your home, be sure to ask what spacer is used in the product. It can make all the difference in preventing mold growth.

For more information on Super Spacer or to find dealers, visit www.superspacer.com.