



LOCATING THE SOURCE OF THE MOULDY SMELL

PROPERTY CHECKLIST

As many as 60% of Australian homes could potentially have a problem with mould according to experts.

Mould is ugly and can potentially damage your home and belongings. And that mould could be growing in hidden corners or walls of your property without you even being aware of it.

It's worthwhile running a check around your property at least once or twice a year to check for any signs of mould contamination.

In addition to the above internal checks take a walk around the outside of the property.

Check things like:

- Cracks in brickwork or rendering that might allow water entry to your property.
- Drains - blocked drains might be causing a build-up of water underneath your house and creating dampness issues through the floor.
- Check window and door flashings and clear out any clogged drainage holes and channels.
- Check under your home - ground water build-up in the subfloor and travel up walls leading to rising damp.

INDOOR CHECKLIST

If you suspect you have a mould problem, it's definitely worth following your nose on this one.

Go from room to room and try to identify where the smell is strongest.

Check the usual culprits:

- Behind curtains and blinds - at the top and the bottom too.
- Furniture backing on to walls, especially tall boys, bottoms of draws and display cabinets.
- Cupboards and wardrobes, especially if they're not used much.
- Laundries, bathrooms, and other areas that routinely experience high humidity or dampness - bathroom ceilings are most common with mould forming close to external walls and windows.
- Check underneath basins and inside kitchen units or anywhere that has water carrying pipes.
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