



Indoor Air Quality

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To eliminate the microorganisms that harm indoor air quality, follow these tips:

- * Fix roof or pipe leaks promptly.
- * Maintain cooling and dehumidifying equipment, and disinfect drip pans often.
- * Insulate to prevent condensation.
- * Reduce humidity. Run air conditioning in humid climates.
- * If you must use wet carpet cleaning, dry carpets quickly with fans or dehumidifiers. Keep air conditioning/ventilation systems on during drying. You may want to consider using dry extraction products.
- * Control dust by switching to treated dust cloths.
- * Use high-efficiency vacuum bags.
- * Switch to paints, adhesives and cleaning products that contain lower levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

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