



PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY

11-POINT PLAN TO AVOID DAMP THIS WINTER



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Here is an 11-point plan to help you avoid dampness over the long dark winter months.

1. GUTTERING AND DRAINAGE

Ensure all guttering and drainpipes are clear of leaves and other debris. Brave the elements to make sure the gutters and drainpipes work during heavy rains. These blockages can lead to water overflow, increasing the risk of dampness penetrating your home's exterior walls.

2. ROOF INSPECTION

Inspect your roof for missing or damaged tiles. Water can penetrate through these gaps and cause dampness. If you notice any damage, get it fixed before the winter sets in.

3. WINDOW AND DOOR SEALS

Check the seals around your windows and doors for any signs of wear and tear or gaps. If they're not sealing correctly, this could let in cold air and moisture, leading to condensation and dampness.



4. EXTERNAL WALLS

Check for cracks or holes in the exterior walls of your property. Water can penetrate these weaknesses and cause dampness to form. Any damage should be repaired immediately.

5. VENTILATION

Good ventilation is vital to preventing dampness. Ensure extractor fans in the kitchen and bathroom are working efficiently, and consider installing air bricks or vents if needed.

6. DAMP-PROOF COURSE (DPC)

Most homes in the UK have a DPC installed - a barrier designed to stop water rising from the ground into interior walls. Check the condition of your DPC, and if it's damaged, you might need a professional to repair or replace it.

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7. PLUMBING

Check pipes for leaks, which can cause serious damp issues if not rectified.

8. FLOORING

Check your flooring and skirting boards for any signs of dampness or rot. This could indicate a more severe issue beneath the floorboards.

9. BASEMENT/CRAWLSPACE

If your property has a basement or crawlspace, ensure it's properly ventilated and waterproofed to prevent moisture build-up.



10. CONDENSATION

Ensure regular air movement in colder areas such as bathrooms and kitchens to reduce condensation, which can lead to damp issues.

11. HEATING

Keep your home at a consistent, warm temperature to reduce the chance of condensation forming on cold surfaces.

These checks and fixes should help to protect your home from damp this winter.

However, if you are unsure about any of the suggestions or find dampness or damage and would like some professional help dealing with it, just get in touch, and we'd be happy to help.





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