

Key Causes of Mold and Moisture Problems

- o Plumbing leaks
- o Roof leaks, often caused by ice dams
- o Damp basements and crawlspaces
- o Inadequate or blocked gutters and spouting
- o Gaps in window and door flashing
- o Rainwater-Flooding
- o Porous wall block that has not been properly sealed
- o Poorly designed or constructed walls (for example, wrong placement of vapor barriers, poor insulation, no drainage planes, air channels)
- o Other flaws in rain management systems
- o Failure to use, or inadequate, kitchen and bathroom vents
- o Unvented, or blocked vents, for heaters and other combustion appliances
- o Leaky or uninsulated ducts
- o Excessive use of humidifiers
- o Sewage back-up from flooding