

# MOLD ADDENDUM TO LEASE



This addendum is agreed to and shall be made part of the lease agreement between landlord and tenant(s) for the premises located at

**MOLD:** Mold consists of naturally occurring microscopic organisms which reproduce by spores. Mold breaks down and feeds on organic matter in the environment. The mold spores spread through the air and the combination of excessive moisture and organic matter allows for mold growth. Not all, but certain types and amounts of mold can lead to adverse health effects and/or allergic reactions. Not all mold is readily visible, but when it is, can often be seen in the form of discoloration, ranging from white to orange and from green to brown and black, and often there is a musty odor present. Reducing moisture and proper housekeeping significantly reduce the chance of mold and mold growth.

**CLIMATE CONTROL:** The Owner or Agent recommends that the Tenant should use all air-conditioning, if provided, in a reasonable manner and use heating systems in moderation and to keep the premises properly ventilated by periodically opening windows to allow circulation of fresh air during dry weather only. **OWNER OR AGENT RECOMMENDS THAT AIR CONDITIONING IS USED AT ALL TIMES IF Home HAS AIR CONDITIONING.** As mold grows well in warm, moist places, maintaining a very warm temperature in your home may make your home vulnerable to the growth of mold.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR PREVENTING MOLD PROBLEMS:

Following is a list of suggested practices that are effective for the prevention of and the removal of mold problems.

- Keep the premises clean and regularly dust, vacuum and mop
- Use hood vents when cooking, cleaning and dishwashing
- Keep closet doors ajar
- Avoid excessive amounts of indoor plants
- Use exhaust fans when bathing/showering and leave on for a sufficient amount of time to remove moisture (If unit is exhaust fan equipped)
- Use ceiling fans if present
- Water all indoor plants outdoors
- Wipe down any moisture and/or spillage
- Wipe down bathroom walls and fixtures after bathing/showering
- Wipe down any vanities/sink tops
- Avoid air drying dishes
- Not dry clothes by hang drying indoors
- Open blinds/curtains to allow light into premises
- Wipe down floors if any water spillage
- Hang shower curtains within bath when showering
- Securely close shower doors if present
- Leave bathroom and shower doors open after use
- Use dryer if present for wet towels
- Use household cleaners on any hard surfaces
- Remove any moldy or rotting food
- Remove garbage regularly
- Wipe down any and all visible moisture
- Wipe down windows and sills if moisture present
- Inspect for leaks under sinks
- Check all washer hoses if applicable
- Regularly empty dehumidifier if used

### TENANT(S) SHALL REPORT IN WRITING IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING IS FOUND IN ANY UNIT, STORAGE ROOM, GARAGE OR OTHER COMMON AREA

- Visible or suspected mold
- All a/c or heating problems or
- Leaks, moisture accumulations, major spillage
- Plant watering overflows
- Musty odors, shower/bath/sink/toilet overflows
- Leaky faucets, plumbing
- Discoloration of walls, baseboards, doors, window frames, ceilings
- Mold clothing, refrigerator and a/c drip pan overflows
- Moisture dripping from or around any vents, a/c condenser lines
- Loose, missing or failing grout or caulk around tubs, showers, sinks, faucets, countertops, clothes dryer vent leaks
- Any and all moisture

**SMALL AREAS OF MOLD:** If mold has occurred on a small non-porous surface such as ceramic tile, formica, vinyl flooring, metal, or plastic and the mold is not due to an ongoing leak or moisture problem, Tenant agrees to clean the areas with soap (or detergent) and a small amount of water, let the surface dry, and then within 24 hours apply a non-staining cleaner such as Lysol Disinfectant, Pine-Sol Disinfectant (original pine-scented), Tilex Mildew Remover, or Clorox Cleanup. In the event Tenant's actions or inactions are deemed to be the cause of a mold problem in rental unit, Tenant will be assessed charges equal to the cost of mold removal and any other property damage that is a result of the mold problem. Upon Landlord's discretion, Tenant may be evicted for such actions or inactions which result in the above mentioned damage.

**INSPECTIONS:** TENANT(S) agree that Owner or agent may conduct inspections of the home at any time with reasonable notice.

**HOLD HARMLESS:** Tenant shall hold the managing agent and owner harmless for any injury or damage as may arise out of the failure of tenant to comply with the aforementioned covenants as stipulated in this Mold Addendum.

**Parties:** this addendum is between the tenant(s) and owner and or agent managing the premises. This addendum is in addition to and made part of the lease agreement and in the event there is any conflict between the lease and this addendum, the provisions of this addendum shall govern. Any term that is capitalized but not defined in this addendum that is capitalized and defined in the lease shall have the same meaning for purposes of this addendum as it has for purposes of the lease.

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