

HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Keeping Mold And Mildew Out Of Your Home

(NAPSA)—Keeping mold and mildew out of your home is a relatively simple way to reduce the itchy eyes, runny noses and other symptoms commonly associated with allergies.

How do you help your family breathe easier? Start by looking for signs of mold and mildew around the house. The American Industrial Hygiene Association says mold and mildew grow in rooms that have high humidity levels or where moisture is allowed to collect. Generally, that means the bathroom.

Check bathroom ceilings, curtains, shower curtains and walls for dark spots, which can be signs of mold. If you find any, use a hot water and bleach solution to thoroughly clean the area and then paint the area with a mold-resistant primer.

It's also important to check your bath fans and ventilators. You may even want to replace the fans you have with products such as the Broan and NuTone Ultra Silent ventilation fans. The regular use of a bath ventilation system will help to reduce the humidity and moisture buildup. Several models feature Microban Antimicrobial Product Protection, and are engineered to inhibit the potential growth of odor- and stain-causing bacteria, mold and mildew on fan grilles.

The Microban protection also shields the ventilation fans from



New types of bathroom ventilation fans resist mold and mildew growth.

stains, odors and product deterioration caused by bacteria, mold and mildew. Because the protection is manufactured into the fan grille, it will not wash off or wear away, providing continuous antimicrobial protection for the life of the fan. An added bonus is that the fans run more quietly than typical bathroom fans.

After you check out the bathroom, take a trip to the basement. Mold and mildew like to grow on porous surfaces, such as the concrete of which most foundations are made. Take a careful look around for water stains or leaky pipes, both of which can invite mold growth. If you find any mold, follow the same steps you used in the bathroom: Break out the bleach, water and paint.

For more information on the Broan & NuTone Ultra Silent ventilation fans, visit www.broan.com or www.nutone.com.