

Bathroom Ventilation Best Practices

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Why Bathroom Ventilation Matters

Bathrooms generate significant moisture. Proper ventilation helps manage humidity, protect building materials, support indoor air quality, and reduce the potential for moisture-related damage over time.

Best Practices

- Turn on the exhaust fan before showering.
- Run the fan for 20–30 minutes after showering.
- Vent the fan directly outdoors—not into an attic, soffit, or crawlspace.
- Install a properly sized fan for the bathroom.
- Clean the fan grille regularly.
- Consider a humidity-sensing switch or timer.
- Maintain indoor humidity between approximately 30–50% when practical.
- Allow makeup air by cracking the bathroom door open after showering if appropriate.

Common Mistakes

- Turning the fan off immediately after a shower.
- Never cleaning the fan.
- Using an undersized exhaust fan.
- Venting into the attic.
- Ignoring recurring condensation, peeling paint, or musty odors.

Kali's Tip

Consistently managing moisture is one of the simplest ways to help protect your home's long-term durability. Small habits—like properly using your bathroom exhaust fan—can make a meaningful difference over time.

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