

# CONTROLLING MOISTURE

HOME PERFORMANCE WITH ENERGY STAR®



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Birthday cakes are meant to be moist. Homes are not. In fact, excess moisture in your home can lead to all kinds of issues, including poor air quality and health concerns. More often than not, moisture and mold-related issues are caused by bad ventilation, improper air sealing, and inadequate insulation between the attic and the rest of the home. Solving moisture issues can be tricky, and the damage and cost of repairs only rises the longer you wait.

## IDENTIFYING MOISTURE ISSUES

### Warning signs:

- Persistent and severe window or wall condensations
- Water stains, mold, and mildew on walls or ceilings

### Sources of moisture:

- Exposed soil in crawlspace/ basement area
- Excessive bathing, washing dishes, and cooking
- Fish tanks or hot tubs
- Unvented exhaust from ovens, clothes dryers, and water heaters
- Gutters that don't drain properly
- Leaky roof or plumbing



When warm, moist air inside the house touches a cold surface, the water vapor in the air turns to liquid water (condensation).

## THE SOLUTION

An energy assessment is the perfect first step to identifying and fixing your home's moisture issues, and Home Performance with ENERGY STAR is here to help. Simply contact a certified Trade Ally contractor. They will assess your home using special diagnostic tools and modeling software, and make recommendations specific to your needs.

Cash incentives are also available for eligible home improvements.

## SCHEDULE YOUR ASSESSMENT

For more information, visit [focusonenergy.com/wholehome](http://focusonenergy.com/wholehome).

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