

Mold, mildew not too unusual in new homes

(AP) I recently moved to a newer house and found the basement was damp. I was able to dry things out by running a dehumidifier for a few days. The problem I have is that mold keeps forming on the floor. How can I clean it off and prevent it from forming again?

Mold and mildew spores are always present in the air and thrive in damp locations. A mold buildup is not very unusual in a new house due to the initial high moisture content of the building materials, which eventually dry out.

To address your problem, clean mold and mildew from concrete and tiled floors and walls with a solution of 1/2 to 1 cup of household bleach to one gallon of water. Rinse with clear water, then dry. Wear gloves and avoid skin contact while cleaning.

Also, keep the dehumidifier running to reduce further moisture buildup.

• Our garbage disposal can't drain the dishwasher discharge fast enough so there's a momentary

backup into the sink. The disposal works fine when used alone, with no backup. The plumbing downstream has been checked and the sink trap replaced. The drain lines appear to be clear. Is it possible to have a partial blockage of the disposal? If so, how is it cleaned out?

Sounds like you have some sort of blockage in the drain system. The disposal itself has no way of holding any water so that is most likely not your problem.

To check this, disconnect the power to the disposer, then disconnect the trap. Look into the disposer's discharge port to make sure it's all clear. Then, with a bucket under the garbage disposal, pour some water through it to make sure it flows freely. Reconnect the drain trap and the electrical power.

If the garbage disposal appears to be clear, have a plumber or sewer cleaning company auger out your drain system.

Be sure they use a motor-driven auger type clean head tool and not a hand snake. A snake will puncture a

hole in the obstruction but it will not actually clean the insides of the pipe as well as an auger would.

• We will be installing a new sink in our bathroom that, according to a plumber friend of mine, will need to be vented with a new vent line. We've both sized up the situation and agree that running the new line through the existing walls will be a very difficult job entailing major demolition and reconstruction. Is there any alternative to venting the sink without this major construction project?

You may be able to use a ventless or antisiphoning valve. This valve opens automatically to admit air, which prevents water from being siphoned from the trap, then closes to block the escape of sewer gas.

The valve installs behind the trap and solvent-welds to 1 1/4-inch diameter plastic pipe. It can be joined to the same diameter metal pipe if its solvent-weld adapter is discarded. Although the valve meets national plumbing code requirements, it may not meet local standards.

Check before you install it. The valve sells for about \$5 at hardware stores and home centers.

(For further information on any home problem, write to Popular Mechanics, Readers Service Bureau, 224 West 57th Street, New York, NY 10019, Phone: 212-649-3127.)

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