Ten top tips to prevent mould and mildew in your motorhome

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1. Check for signs of mould and mildew prior to bringing items into the motorhome. Check everything; furnishings, stored clothes and bedding material, as well as other household goods that may already show signs of growth.

2. Regularly vacuum and clean your motorhome.

3. Reduce indoor humidity by good ventilation; always open the kitchen and bathroom windows after cooking and showering, and keep them open for as long as you can.

4. Clean up any spills, condensation and other sources of moisture as soon as possible. Thoroughly dry wet surfaces or material and don’t let water pool or stand. Replace any material that cannot be dried.

5. Inspect for leaks on a regular basis. Look for discolouration or wet spots and repair leaks promptly. Inspect your fridge for mould and take notice of musty smells.

6. After use, dry out the fridge thoroughly and leave the door open to allow ventilation and prevent mould growth.

7. If you already have mould or mildew, thoroughly clean the affected area with a mild solution of bleach. Test first to see if the material or surface is colour safe.

8. Depending on the severity of the problem, good alternatives to bleach include washing up liquid or vinegar (one part vinegar to one part water).

9. Moisture absorbing crystals are a good idea to capture excess water in the air if you have ambient humidity. Ensure you change the crystals regularly for optimum performance.

10. If the mould or mildew is severe, consider calling in a professional cleaner.