



7 Signs that you might have **RISING DAMP**



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Don't fall victim to ongoing health issues related to rising damp.

Keep an eye out for these 7 signs.

Rising damp, a worldwide phenomenon, is a major cause of decay to masonry materials such as stone, brick and mortar. Even when mild it can cause unsightly crumbling of exterior masonry and staining of internal finishes. It may also cause musty smells in poorly ventilated rooms. The intent of Wild Water Plumbing with our 11 plus years in the industry, is to find the root cause for your excess moisture, repair the problem and provide a solution. Our overall goal is to prevent mould build up in the first instance.

Accurate diagnosis of the cause and extent of the damp problem is very important. Specialist advice should be sought. There are various methods which allow moisture levels to be measured within your home, however, below are 7 easily identifiable problems you may experience, which is a result of excess moisture within the foundations of your home.

Read on to find out more.

Musty Smells

Musty smells in a home or office can often leave the people within experiencing respiratory problems, head aches and an onset of allergies. This leads to stresses at home with ongoing health issues or lack of productivity at work. Musty smells don't just appear on their own, nor will they subside on their own. Often musty smells the result of a build up moisture and mould growth.

Whilst good ventilation may prevent the bad odours, moisture build up and mould growth, you also need to get to the root cause of the build up of moisture in the first instance. That's where Wild Water Plumbing can help you assess the possible root cause.

A Build Up Of Condensation

Condensation will build up in areas where there is poor ventilation and it is difficult to control the moisture. This is often most noticed in the hot, summer weather. This moisture buildup often happens beneath the concrete slab of your building. As condensation builds up it can drip onto timber and soil and over time, if left untreated, can affect the structural integrity of your home.

Condensation build up is a sure sign that there is something amiss with the water flow beneath or around your home. Wild Water Plumbing can come and assess what the fundamental moisture problem may be caused by, and start a process to fix the underlying issue.

Cracked Walls

Have you discovered new cracks appearing in your walls recently? This can be caused by uneven moisture levels within the soil beneath your building which causes the building to expand and contract. The result can mean cracks in your brickwork, internal lining boards and even your render. One way to rectify this is to improve your subfloor ventilation to reduce the build up of moisture. The greater air flow, will reduce the instances of expansion and contraction and therefore the pressure this puts on the walls of your building.

Growing Mould

Mould is caused by high build up of moisture within the subfloor and lack of ventilation and circulating air. When the damp and dark conditions are right, mould can grow quite rapidly.

Not only is mould unsightly, it can cause long term health concerns, such as allergies, asthma or any respiratory problems. It is important for mould build up to be treated correctly, and most importantly, prevent reoccurrence.

If you see a small patch of mould forming, it's time to get in touch with Wild Water Plumbing to determine where the moisture is coming from. We will run through an assessment to diagnose the primary source of the moisture-forming-mould and will provide you with a report to ensure we get to the bottom of the cause, fix it and prevent a reoccurrence.

Termite Activity

If you have seen traces of termite activity, or have received a report from your termite and pest inspection that there is evidence of termite action around your home, this is a sure sign that there is damp conditions present within your home. We all know that termites thrive in damp conditions, and when the conditions are right, they can rapidly infest the foundations of your home or business.

There are a number of steps and professionals you will need to call in if you are faced with this problem. However, in order to protect your home and investment, remember you need to get to the bottom of the cause of the moisture in the first instance. Quite likely there is a poor flow of water that has resulted in a build up of dampness, creating the perfect breeding conditions.

Changes in your Flooring

Is there evidence of movement in your flooring? Perhaps you have seen warping to some degree in your floating floorboards, or a tile or two lifting or cracking? This can be the result of a moisture build up under the sub floor of your home. Quite likely the structural beams of your home is absorbing the excess moisture which is building up under your home, causing the problem.

Before the problem compounds, call Wild Water Plumbing. We will come and assess the reason behind the excess moisture build up in the first instance and provide a plan to fix and prevent this happening again.



Deterioration of Timber Around Your Home

Timber will naturally absorb excess moisture that is laying around and under your home. Over time this can result in a decay of your foundations and beams. This phenomenon is known as wet rot. This is first evidenced by softness in your walls, sagging in your flooring underfoot, movement or springiness in your flooring. If this is not adequately treated, it will result in costly structural repairs following the collapse of the timber within that area. Furthermore, this may result in considerable safety concerns for the structural integrity of your home. To prevent a build up of moisture in the future, let Wild Water Plumbing undertake a detailed assessment of the underlying cause and protect your investment to further costly repairs.

If you are experiencing any of the above problems within your home, most likely there is a problem with rising damp. You need to call the specialists as quickly as possible to not only fix the problems, but to prevent ongoing health concerns, compromised immunity and structural issues to your property. Underlying this, it is essential to get to the root cause of the rising dampness in the first instance. That is where Wild Water Plumbing can help. All rising damp issues are caused by some sort of moisture build up within your home. The fundamental issues need to be addressed in order to prevent a reoccurrence.

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