

Dear Cathy Condo:

I live in an end unit. The closet in the bedroom has two exterior walls and has developed mildew on those sides.

Do you have advice on how to remove the mildew from the plaster? Is there a way to prevent mildew?

Thanks,

Dealing with Dampness

Dear DD:

Call Parkfairfax maintenance to inspect a closet that has mildew so the source of the moisture causing the problem can be pinpointed! As for prevention: proper ventilation can help. You can: keep the door slightly ajar; replace a closet door with one that has louvers at the bottom; keep a light in the closet to keep the area drier; or use a dehumidifier. To remove mildew: remove everything from the closet; then spray the area with a solution of water and white distilled vinegar, let set, and then scrub with baking soda (the baking soda also helps to eliminate any odor).