

## HOW TO 'RUN IN' YOUR NEW BUILD HOME - CHECKLIST

Your new home will need to get used to being lived in as much as you need to get used to living in your new home. Here are a few things that can help you to 'run in' your new home:

<b>Drying Out</b>	
Wipe away any condensation on windows and other glass surfaces	
Cover pans when cooking	
Try and dry clothing outdoors. If using a tumble dryer, make sure it vents outdoors or is fitted with a condenser	
Do not block air bricks or vents	
When possible, leave windows or trickle-vents open	
Close doors when taking a bath or shower to avoid moisture spreading	
Switch on extractor fans during cooking, bathing and showering, leave switched on for an additional 20 minutes	
<b>Condensation</b>	
If salt deposits occur on internal and external walls wipe them away. If the problem persists it could indicate a water leak, in which case you should contact your developer	
Close kitchen and bathroom doors to prevent steam going into other colder rooms	
Open windows each day to allow a change of air	
Wipe down surfaces when moisture settles	
<b>Shrinkage / Cracking</b>	
Maintain a low background heat and try not to leave the heating on too high	
If cracks appear, leave them for a few months before trying to seal them	
When redecorating, use good quality filler on any gaps	
If you feel the cracks are more significant report them to your developer as they may indicate movement in the structure	
<b>Water Staining</b>	
Report any evidence of water staining on walls and ceilings to your developer as soon as possible	
<b>Snagging</b>	
Keep an eye out for any scuffs, scratches or marks on walls, surfaces or appliances and make your developer aware so that they can be rectified	