



IMPORTANT: CONTROLLING HUMIDITY



A dehumidifier **MUST be used in the basement during
the first spring & summer after moving in. !**

Building materials dry out during the first year after a home is completed. As a result, your home will experience excessive amounts of humidity. It is critical that you control the amount of humidity during the first 12 months in your new home. Failure to control the levels of humidity can result in mould on drywall, wood framing and trim, as well as, irreversible damage to hardwood flooring (i.e., cupping) and cabinetry (i.e., excessive swelling).

During warmer months (spring and summer), you **MUST** use a dehumidifier in the basement 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Sunlight Heritage Homes recommends using a large-sized dehumidifier with a hose attachment. Run the dehumidifier with the hose on or next to the basement floor drain. The hose will prevent the dehumidifier's tank from filling and shutting off. Larger-sized homes (more than 2,500 sq. ft.) may require more than one dehumidifier.

SIGNS OF EXCESS HUMIDTY

- Water behind basement wall insulation
- Condensation on cold water pipes
- Damp concrete floor and walls
(can sometimes result in standing water)

- Wet stains on floors and walls
- Condensation on windows
- Musty smells
- If you have any questions, please contact our after-sales service department at 519-740-6556 or info@sunlighthomes.ca