

Use of Room Humidifiers

Room air humidifiers are **not to be used** at Sherwood Park Manor.

Bacteria and other organisms collect and multiply in sitting water and are aerosolized once the humidifier is turned on.

A humidifier has been installed in the Manor's HVAC system to manage the humidity level throughout as an alternative to using individual room air humidifiers. Using individual room humidifiers on top of this system increases the potential for mold growth and subsequent spread by the personal-use system.

References:

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