Eliminate the evils of excess moisture

id you know that excess levels of moisture or relative humidity in your home provide ideal environments for contaminants like mold and dust mites, which are known allergens for many people? Elevated levels of moisture can also contribute to structural damage within a home's walls, attic, foundation and exterior.

Fortunately, there are steps you can take to regulate the level of humidity in your home. Here are some helpful tips from Jean Deslandes, Marketing Director at Venmar Ventilation, the country's leading experts in indoor air quality management, to help you control the potential hazards created by excess moisture.

· Daily activities in the kitchen and bathroom can introduce large amounts of water vapor and other contaminants into the home. Install and maintain hood exhaust fans of sufficient capacity over your kitchen range and in your bathrooms. Locate intakes where they can capture the most moisture and make sure that bath vents exhaust air outdoors and not into your attic or other interior space.

 The exterior and interior of a home should be well-caulked, especially around windows and vents, to prevent water leaks. Without caulking, mold growth and structural problems may occur.

· Make sure your home's roof and windows are in good shape. Water leaks, condensation and elevated levels of humidity may not be visible, but moisture in interior wall spaces can encourage mold growth and structural degradation.

It's important to route water away

from your home's foundation. Keep gutters and drains clean and in good repair. Be sure downspouts have a five percent slope to carry water away from your foundation.

 Elevated levels of humidity can also cause moisture problems including window condensation, structural rot and mold growth. To help control humidity and remove excess moisture levels from your home, consider installing a mechanical ventilation system, exhaust and/or a dehumidification system.

"For exceptional results, you can look to the most recent innovation in the industry called the Pure Air Machine by Venmar," Deslandes said. Venmar is the first manufacturer of ventilation systems to offer a unit that integrates heat recovery ventilation technology with HEPA filtration at an affordable price.

"The system works to provide fresh air through ventilation and at the same time ensures the best indoor air quality by trapping airborne allergens such as pollen, dust, pet dander mold and bacteria through its HEPA filter."

Licensed as a medical device by Health Canada, Venmar's HEPA series units substantially contribute to improving indoor air quality in dwellings and may improve the quality of life of individuals with serious respiratory diseases. Individuals who acquire one of these units under prescription may be able to deduct the purchase price from their income tax. For more information on indoor air quality call 1-800-567-3855 or visit www.venmar-ventilation.com.

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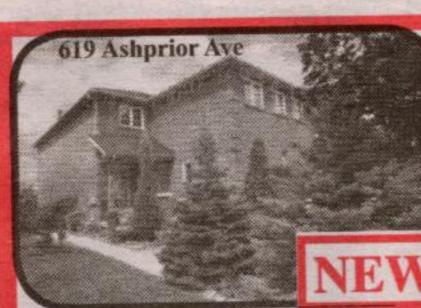
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Miss: 4 bdrm, 4 WR, 2 kit, fin bsmt with walk-out, S of 401, W of Hwy 10. Landscaped. Private, fenced yd. Park 5. Large deck. Rec rm with walk-out to enclosed patio area. In-law potential. \$364,500



California blinds. Ceramic & oak firs Georgetown South: backing onto trees

Elegant Queensgate, 2930+ sq ft home, on pool sized, pie shaped lot on quiet cres backing onto treed green space! 2 yrs old. Open concept! 9 ft ceilings!

on MF & upper hallway. Kit o/l Fam rm w gas FP. MF den & laundry. MBR w 5pc ensuite with corner whirl tub & sep shower. Bdrm #2 with p cathedral ceiling, 4pc ensuite, study & walk out to balcony! Vinyl clad windows. Neutral brdlm. ONHWP. Walk to Public, and, Eng & French grade schools & leisure centre! Min to 401 & 407. \$414,900

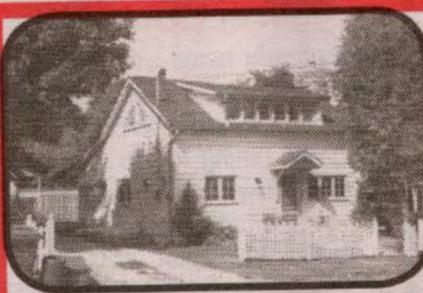


Picture perfect, renovated, reproduction 4 bdrm, 3WR, "Early Canadiana" home o/l twin ponds, set far back from a quiet road on 90 rolling

stand of hardwood trees & ever flowing stream at the rear. Trails to a high ridge with panaramic views. Pine plank floors. New greenhouse kitchen o/l pool. Excellent well. Inground pool & cabana. Bank barn in excellent condition (recent floor & electrical)presently used for sheep. New 4 car garage. Near Ballinafad, less than 12 min to Georgetown GO



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Belfountain: Lovingly restored. LR with cath ceiling, stone FP w wdstove. Cherry hrdwd fls in LR, 2 bdrms & kit. Lndry rm with slate fl & w/o to patio. 2 detached studios. Parking for 6. \$288,000



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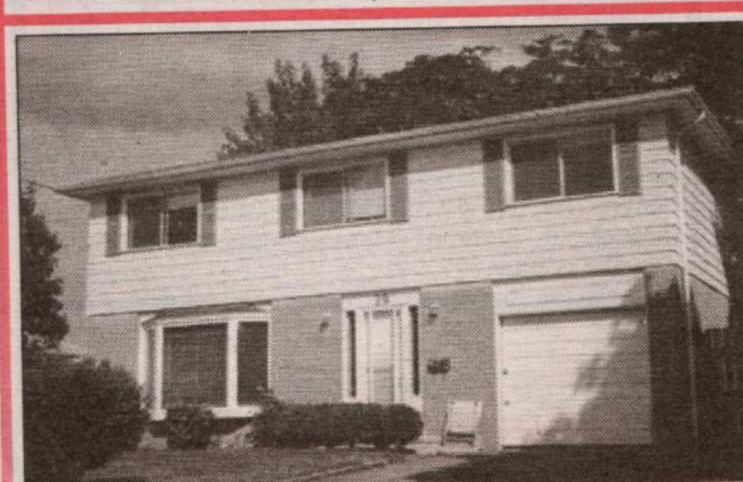
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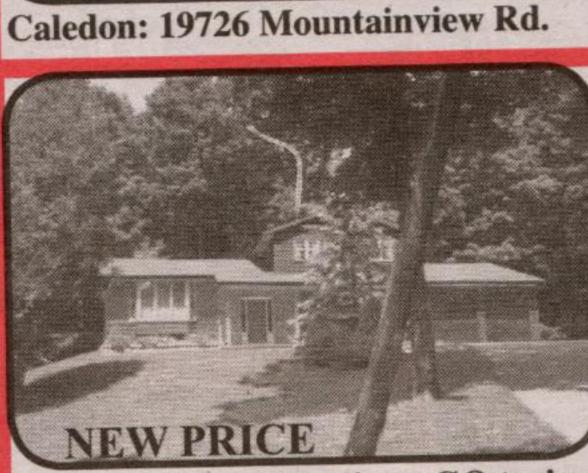
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Fabulous family home perfectly set back from a quiet paved road on a knoll in a 5 acre maple hrdwd forest. Side split with 3 WRs & 4 + 2 bdrms & work shop. Walk-outs from DR &

family rm to huge deck o/l a magical forest. Fam rm with a wood stove set in a brick, floor to ceiling, fireplace. MBR with 3 pc ensuite. Upgraded windows. Roof shingles, 2003. Paved driveway. Parking for 7+ vehicles. Pride of ownership. Unique & very private property. Many species of birds. Drilled well. ~ 10 minutes to the GO. \$389,000

Erin: on 5 ac, ~ 10 min to GO train Exquisite Alba Stone brick, 5 bdrm, 4+washrm, 4 car gar on 1.5 acre with municipal water & nat gas! Granite, hrdwd & ceramic floors. Grand foyer

oak staircase w open risers & twin balconies spanning 3 floors. Open concept LR, raised piano conservatory & DR. Kitchen with large breakfast area o/l solarium & Family rm with coffered ceiling, wall of windows & gas FP. Huge MBR w opulent ensuite & w/o. Low "E" vinyl windows. 1000+ft TREX deck with spa. Gorgeous landscaping. Fab views. 20 min to airport.



Milton: 1ac, home, 2 car gar + shop

On quiet road S of Britannia near

401, 403, 407 & QEW. Well built, renovated, 4 bdrm, 3WR, builder's home with built-in garage; a det 2 car garage; smoke house & ~5 year old, 2

level, insulated, drywalled, partly heated (woodstove) shop (~30ft by ~60ft) with septic system, water, hydro, driveway, 2 man doors & a truck door. Magnificant mature trees & vegetable garden. North of Eglinton. Perfect location for quick access to Toronto. Country living in the city. Plenty of room for in-laws & nanny. Drive by. 5168-8th Line, Milton.



Erin: 2 superior Hi-Teck industrial facilities, (130'x 80' & 40'x 80')14,400 sq ft (~800 sq ft office) on 1.37 acres, zoned M1 with outside storage. ~ 30 min to the 401. Crane rails for 3 ton cranes. Heated w infrared nat gas

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Superb 4 bdrm, 3 WR! Hrdwd firs in LR, DR, fam rm, hall & bdrms. Ceramics. Fab kit with w/o to flagstone patio, fire pit & private yard. Prof fin bsmt with woodstove. Paved drvwy. Landscaped