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## Sometimes it's Not Mould

A homeowner was concerned about mould growth around their windows. The windows have condensation during the winter months and discolourization along the window sill. Tape lifts were taken to determine to confirm that the discolourization was mould and to identify the type of mould

As it turned out, the discolourization was largely insect debris. The image on the right below shows one of the dust mites found in the tape lift. Dust mites are strong allergens and can produce health effects similar to exposure to mould. Now that the issue has been correctly established, a proper course of action to eliminate the problem could be taken.





I hope this is information is of assistance to you. Should you have any questions, or if we can be of any further assistance, please contact me at (204) 668-3141.

Sincerely,

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