

7 Best Humidifiers for Bouncy Skin From the Outside In

They're key for maintaining your skin's moisture levels.

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Dry skin, parched hair, and painful sinuses aren't just side effects of winter—which is why adding one of the best humidifiers for your space could be your best beauty move of the year. We'll explain: Thanks to modern life, our air conditioners and heating systems can keep us dry as a bone all year round, but [humidifiers](#) replenish moisture into the air in the form of microscopic water droplets, or vapor, which can neutralize dry air and its effects on our skin and hair in the process. Even increased sun exposure and environmental stressors that occur year-round can have a drying effect on your complexion, so incorporating a humidifier into your daily routine can be the hydrating game-changer you need if you feel like your [moisturizer](#) isn't cutting it.

Our Top Picks:

- **Best Humidifier Overall:** [Canopy Humidifier](#), \$169
- **Best App-Accessible:** [Dreo HM713S Humidifier](#), \$80
- **Best for Large Spaces:** [Vornado UH200 Ultrasonic Humidifier](#), \$150
- **Best Portable Humidifier:** [Hey Dewy Wireless Facial Humidifier](#), \$60
- **Best Splurge:** [Dyson Purifier Humidify+Cool Formaldehyde](#), \$900
- **Best Budget:** [Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier](#), \$81
- **Most Customizable:** [Levoit LV600HH Humidifier](#), \$100

We've narrowed it down to the best humidifiers money can buy—paying attention to runtime, ease of use, smart features, and area-coverage capabilities. Plus, you'll find a range of options, whether you want one for your office's parched corporate air or a design-forward humidifier for your bedroom oasis.

Frequently Asked Questions

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Best Humidifier Overall: Canopy Humidifier



Canopy Bedside Humidifier

[\\$169](#)

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[Nordstrom](#)

[\\$159](#)

[Canopy](#)

Why it's worth it: Few can come close to the air-enhancing powers of the Canopy Humidifier, which hydrates the air in rooms up to 500 square feet and has smart sensors that keep the device running until the 2.5-liter tank is completely dry, therefore, eliminating the risk of mildew or mold buildup. Executive beauty director [Jenny Bailly](#) is a fan of Canopy. "My issue with humidifiers is always cleaning them out," she said. "This one has a separate compartment that you just fill up with water; it stays super clean."

While many humidifiers encourage the use of filtered or distilled water in their tanks, Canopy's water tank sanitizes through a built-in UV light and paper filter, so feel free to use as much tap water as you please. This humidifier also includes a built-in [essential oil diffuser](#) to enjoy your go-to scents.

Tester feedback: Like many others, associate director of special projects Hunter Lacey thought humidifiers were reserved for babies and didn't use them (portable or otherwise) between the ages of two and 28. "However, as my skin matured, I found myself chasing the white whale of hydration—chugging water, piling on essences and serums, and locking in that hydration with an occlusive moisturizer—but not once did I consider adding moisture to the air," he says. "[The Canopy Portable Humidifier](#) (a [2024 Best of Beauty Award winner](#), no less!) is a petite juggernaut; it's simple in design, provides a steady stream of fine mist, a 24-hour run time, and is dishwasher-safe (a big plus for anyone lazy like me)," they add. And the results? Plumper, less-tight skin, and, unexpectedly, alleviated allergies.

Product specs: 500 square feet coverage, 2.5-liter tank, up to 36-hour run time, partially dishwasher safe, aromatherapy option

Best App-Accessible: Dreo HM713S Humidifier



Dreo HM713S Humidifier

~~\$80~~ \$68

[Amazon](#)

Why it's worth it: Dreo's HM713S Humidifier provides both cool and warm vapor options so you never have to switch devices to enjoy the benefits of either setting. This humidifier's MistWave humidification technology allows the gadget to spurt a 40-inch tall stream of mist to fill larger spaces with ultra-fine water vapor. If you're an aromatherapy fan, good news: Dreo's dual-aroma pad tray allows you to switch between essential oil scents throughout the day to fit your mood, too. For peak convenience, connect your humidifier to the Dreo app to take advantage of the smart device's phone-accessible settings, like its humidity monitor, filter life, and cleaning reminders.

Editor's tip: Calling all plant parents: This humidifier has a precise room humidity control feature, which lets you set your target humidity with 5% tolerance, so your plants will never have to suffer from even ever-so-slightly dry air again.

Product specs: 1,600 square feet coverage, 3 modes (manual, auto, sleep), 6-liter tank, dual-aroma pad tray, app-accessible

Best for Large Spaces: Vornado UH200 Ultrasonic Humidifier



Vornado UH200 Ultrasonic Humidifier

[\\$150](#)

[Amazon](#)

Why it's worth it: Vornado's UH200 Ultrasonic Humidifier relies on whisper-quiet ultrasonic technology to add cold or warm mist (whichever you prefer) to dry air. Its 900-square-foot coverage makes it perfect for the bigger rooms in your home, and it also contains a built-in humidistat (which measures humidity) to ensure the humidity levels in your home stay at your comfort level.

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Editor's tip: Its micro-fine evaporator means you'll never find unexpected pools of water on your tables or floor.

Product specs: 900 square feet coverage, 1.75-gallon tank, 3 fan settings (high, low, auto), digital control panel, warm and cool mist options

Best Portable Humidifier: Hey Dewy Wireless Facial Humidifier



Hey Dewy Hey Dewy Wireless Facial Humidifier

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[Revolve](#)

Why it's worth it: Small rooms require less humidification, which is why Hey Dewy's Wireless Facial Humidifier is great for compact areas. This portable option is cordless and rechargeable, so you can take it anywhere to add refreshing water vapor to indoor air without taking up too much room in your bag or on your desk. This [Allure Best of Beauty Award winner](#) won our inaugural humidifier category because it boosts moisture levels for eight hours without making any noise. Bonus: It's equipped with an illuminating option to double as a night light.

Editor's tip: For larger areas, [the Wellness Humidifier](#) covers up to 500 square feet, holds 1.5 liters of water, and runs for up to 24 hours. Notable features include an adjustable/rotating nozzle, high and low mist modes, and a mood light. (This is a corded device, by the way!)

Product specs: Personal coverage, 12.4-ounce tank, up to 12-hour run time, optional nightlight

Best Splurge: Dyson Purifier Humidify+Cool Formaldehyde



Dyson Purifier Humidify+Cool Formaldehyde

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[Dyson](#)

Why it's worth it: Yes, the [Dyson Purifier Humidify+Cool](#) Formaldehyde is pricey, but if you want a luxury experience that goes above and beyond humidifying, this is it. The built-in fan, which oscillates in different directions, helps to spread the moisture from the humidifier further than other ultrasonic machines. This smart humidifier is also app-enabled with features that detect the level of moisture in your space.

Editor's tip: This remote control-operated device also acts as one of the best air purifiers ever, especially since it detects and eliminates contaminants like formaldehyde from the air in your chosen area. It also comes with a HEPA (high-efficiency particulate air) filter for removing particles from the air, so every breath you take is just as fresh as the last.

Product specs: Single room coverage, 1-gallon tank, up to 36-hour run time, remote control and app-controlled, Wifi connectivity

Best Budget: Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier



Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier

[\\$81](#)

[Amazon](#)

Why it's worth it: Cold symptoms be damned, thanks to the Vicks Cool Mist Humidifier. Most of the brand's humidifiers use a warm steam vaporizer to soothe colds and coughs. Fortunately, this one can provide temporary relief from

congestion using a cool mist that spreads up to 500 square feet of your home and a 30-hour run time. Because when you're not feeling well, the last thing you want to do is get up and refill the tank.

Editor's tip: This cool moisture humidifier has just a few parts and the whole operation is run without a filter. Not only that, but it has a wide opening that makes it easy to clean. (Trust us, Allure contributor Sarah Madus has this humidifier and uses it religiously.)

Product specs: Small room coverage, 1.2-gallon tank, up to 30-hour run time, filterless

Most Customizable: Levoit LV600HH Humidifier



Levoit LV600HH Humidifier

[\\$100 \\$89](#)

[Amazon](#)

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[Walmart](#)

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[Levoit](#)

Why it's worth it: "Ultrasonic humidifiers use high-frequency sound vibrations to produce a very fine mist," says [Suzanne Friedler](#), MD, clinical instructor of dermatology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City, which makes Levoit's LV600HH Humidifier one of the most impressive devices on the market. Its enormous six-gallon tank uses ultrasonic technology to deliver incredibly fine water vapor across (up to) a 753-square-foot area. "These types of humidifiers don't typically require a filter and tend to be very quiet," Dr. Friedler says.

Editor's tip: This remote-controlled humidifier also allows you to adjust all of its features, including mist intensity, humidity levels, and even the option to disperse a warm mist.

Product specs: 753 square feet area coverage, 6-liter tank, up to 50-hour run time, remote control, aromatherapy option

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a humidifier?

Humidifiers increase indoor air hydration levels by adding moisture to the environment. This device improves overall air quality by "raising the relative humidity of an indoor space, which is the actual [amount of] moisture in the air compared

to the highest amount of moisture that air can hold without raining," [William Reisacher](#), MD, a board-certified Otolaryngol allergist at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City, previously told Allure.

One word to the wise: When used regularly, humidifiers need to be cleaned every week (soap and water or some vinegar will do), otherwise they can become a breeding ground for bacteria, fungi, yeast, and mold. Yikes.

How does a humidifier benefit my beauty routine?

Dry air may not seem like the most pressing beauty issue, but according to [Suzanne Friedler](#), MD, clinical instructor of dermatology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City, [changes in humidity](#) can lead to issues like dry, brittle hair and leathery skin. "At these times when our skin and eyes are already prone to dryness, taking long hot showers and using harsh soaps can further remove the natural oils and moisture from our skin." Dr. Friedler says. "People who live in dry climates also face a challenge in [keeping their eyes and skin hydrated](#)," so using a humidifier is a helpful way to offset dryness, she says.

If you've been alternating between dry, hot air, and cold air, heed this warning. These constant changes can strip your skin of its natural oils, [Gary Goldenberg, MD](#), a board-certified dermatologist based at Goldenberg Dermatology in New York City, [previously told](#) Allure. Dr. Goldenberg regularly recommends humidifiers to patients managing conditions like [eczema](#), [psoriasis](#), or simply [dry skin](#).

Meet the Experts

- [Suzanne Friedler](#), MD, clinical instructor of dermatology at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York City
- [William Reisacher](#), MD, a board-certified Otolaryngol allergist at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City
- [Gary Goldenberg](#), MD, a board-certified dermatologist based at Goldenberg Dermatology in New York City

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When Allure [tests a product](#), our editors look at it from every angle in an effort to best serve you. We are particularly discerning when writing about skin-care devices. This is because of the increased risks and, in many cases, the high price points, that accompany at-home dermatological tools and devices.

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