How to determine the right dehumidifier size

Condition without a dehumidifier (during warm and humid outdoor donditions)	Square feet of area				
	500	1000	1500	2000	
Moderately damp Space feets damp and smells musty only in warm, humid weather.	10 pints	14 pints	18 pints	22 pints	Removal capacity needed in terms of pints per 24 hours
Very damp Space always feets damp and smells musty. Walls and floor show damp spot.	12 pints	17 pints	22 pints	27 pints	
Wet Feels and smells wet. Seepage occurs. Mold and mildew growing on surface.	14 pints	20 pints	26 pints	32 pints	

Source: Association of Home Appilance Manufacturers