

GUIDE TO SELF-STORAGE

Tips for Storing

- Use all [storage space](#), including height. Furniture that is broken down is easier to store and will take up less space (i.e. standing a sofa on its end).
- Concrete draws moisture. Do NOT store upholstered furniture directly on the floor. Use pallets or plastic as an insulator.
- Clean all of your personal items prior to storing.
- Cover upholstered furniture with sheets or blankets to help keep the dust off of them.
- Cover all electronic equipment with plastic, sheets, or blankets.
- Cedar is a good way for keeping away any unwanted insects.
- Spray furniture with a good polish to prepare for storing.
- Do NOT store any food in your [storage unit](#).
- Defrost refrigerators and keep the door to the refrigerator slightly ajar during storage.
- Seal boxes with strong packing tape. Use sturdy packing boxes and fill the boxes to their capacity to avoid tipping or collapsing.
- To retard rusting of exposed metal, use a light coat of oil.
- Stack lighter items on top of heavier ones.
- Keep items you may need in the near future where they can be easily reached and for easy access to all of your items, leave wall space from the front to the back of your [storage unit](#).
- We strongly suggest using [Climate Control Units](#) for wood products, art, etc.
- Try to use boxes that are a uniform size, they're easier to stack (remember; keep the heavy ones on the bottom and the light ones on top).
- Leave small walkways between the boxes and furniture in your storage unit so you can easily get to the items you want without having to move anything around.

- If you're storing a lot of packing boxes in your unit, try to fill them to the top, even if it's just with padding and old, crumpled newspapers. Boxes that are only half-filled tend to collapse if anything's placed on them.
- If you're putting any metal objects into storage – like lawnmowers or file cabinets – remember they need to be cleaned and dried before they are stored. For items that are prone to rust, wipe them with a rag containing a few drops of machine oil to retard rust. Or use any thing which can eradicate the rust.
- Most [public storage facilities](#) have ample security. However, it's still wise to take a few precautions of your own against theft. Pack your storage unit so that your most valuable items are at the back, and purchase a high quality padlock to put on the door.
- The humidity in your [self-storage unit](#) can cause your furniture to warp and your appliances to mildew. Leaving a space between your stuff and the unit's wall allows for air to circulate within the unit. Laying plastic sheeting on the floor and stacking boxes on top of wooden pallets can prevent condensation damage. So can using old linens or other fabrics, instead of plastic, to protect your stuff from dust.
- If you're storing a refrigerator in your [storage unit](#) leave the door ajar. This will prevent mold from growing inside.
- Under no circumstances should you keep anything flammable or combustible in your [storage building](#). This means no gasoline, oil, cleaning fluids or paint thinner. If you're storing any machinery that runs on gas, drain the tank before you store it. Do not store hazardous chemicals, fuel, or illegal items.