

PACKING AND STORAGE TIPS

Packing Tips

- **Do not procrastinate** with packing your goods. The safety of your goods during transportation will correlate directly with how well you packed. Start packing 2-3 weeks in advance of your moving date.
- **Make a list of packing accessories** that you'll need. Most of the packing aids can be purchased at our AAAA Mini Storage locations.
- **Use good quality boxes** that are strong enough to hold some weight. To stack the boxes more effectively, you can also use boxes of the same size.
- When selecting your boxes, **take into consideration the weight of the goods**, not just the size. Use the smaller boxes for the heavier items and larger boxes for the lightweight, bulky items.
- **Label the boxes.** Do not be afraid to be too descriptive; it can save you lots of time!
- **Wrap all dishware and glassware individually** with tissue, packing paper or bubble wrap. Do the same for pictures, mirrors or any other fragile items. Make sure to label the boxes "Fragile."
- **Seal all boxes** with heavy duty (quality) packing tape.
- If you are **storing appliances**, make sure that they are clean and dry.
- If you **disassemble any furniture**, be sure to place all of the nuts, bolts and screws into a small zip lock bag. Attach the bag to the furniture item.
- Be sure to **tape all drawers shut** when moving.

Storage Tips

- Arrange your storage unit carefully. **Items that will be needed more frequently** should be placed closer to the door.
- **Lay down cardboard** or skids (pallet) on the floor of your unit.
- When storing boxes, **stack like sized boxes together** with the heavier boxes on the bottom.
- Most storage units are 8' tall (we have some at 14'). **Utilize shelving** to maximize the height of the storage unit.
- If storing furniture, **remove legs to conserve space.** It is recommended that you lay cardboard on the storage unit floor to prevent scratching. Place cardboard/pallet on the floor and stand sofas and mattresses on end. Do NOT cover the items with plastic.
- If storing appliances, make sure that the appliance (i.e. refrigerator or freezer) is properly cleaned and dried. **Leave the doors slightly ajar** for ventilation.
- If storing equipment (i.e. lawn mower), make sure to **drain all gasoline and oil from the engine.** Metal tools and equipment should be cleaned and wiped with a rag containing a few drops of machine oil for protection against rust.
- To protect items against dust, **cover exposed items with old blankets.** Do NOT cover items with plastic.
- Mirrors, windows, and pictures should be **stacked on their side** (vertically).
- **DO NOT STORE ANYTHING COMBUSTIBLE, FLAMMABLE OR PERISHABLE IN THE UNIT.**



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