

Hints and Tips - Storing

Plan ahead

Plan your self storage space carefully. Make a list of what you will be storing and map out your storage space to make the most efficient use of space:

- Place protection on concrete floors when storing mattresses, furniture or furnishings
- Store large or heavy items towards the rear of the unit so you can use these items as a base to stack upon. Then begin packing towards the front and top of the unit with lighter more fragile items
- Store longer items (such as mattresses, beds, couches and tabletops) along the walls of your storage unit. This provides protection and generally allows for a more efficient use of space
- Remember to use all available space – use the full height of the unit to your advantage and turn items on their ends where appropriate. Stack boxes of similar sizes together, leaving enough room for you to move around the unit if required
- Place frequently accessed goods near the door

Moving in

Ensure you pack items that you will access frequently into the truck first so these items will be packed into the unit last.

Dismantle larger items or any items with legs to make these items easy to move, and to maximise space in your storage unit.

Empty wardrobes, cupboards and drawers while moving to protect your furniture.

Ensure all larger items are covered with furniture covers, moving blankets or soft furnishings to protect them whilst in storage.



Hints and Tips - Packing

Artwork and mirrors

Always place mirrors in an upright position and protect them by securing between softer items such as mattresses for extra protection.

Appliances

If storing kitchen appliances or whitegoods, be sure they are thoroughly clean, dry and defrosted to prevent moisture or mildew damaging your valuables. Store with doors slightly ajar. Don't forget to check appliance hoses to ensure they are completely dry to prevent water damage.

Keep any extra hoses, nuts, bolts or extra hardware items in plastic bags secured to the appliance so everything required to operate the appliance is kept together.

Machinery, Equipment and Metal Items

Drain oil to reduce the risk of leakage, spillage and damage to other goods. Ensure all items are dry and clean, and wipe with a few drops of oil before storing to prevent rust. Keep these items secure and away from other items that may be damaged by rust.

What not to store

Do not store anything combustible, perishable or harmful (including petrol, paint and paint thinner, gasoline, solvents, living things, plants or food that spoils.

Ensure mowers, whipper snippers and equipment are emptied of petrol or other fuel, and that BBQ surfaces are clean and gas bottles are empty.