

Packing & Storage Tips

Disclaimer: *These tips are only recommendations for your awareness and consideration.*

Storage Maine is not responsible for any injury or damage incurred by implementation of these tips. The laws of the State of Maine, Storage Maine's Rental Agreement and common sense dictate what may or may not be stored.

Here are some general tips:

Packing Tips

Use the Right Box- In most cases, you will need 3-4 small to medium size boxes for every 1 large size box you use. Use the smaller boxes for heavier items such as dishes. The larger boxes should be for items such as blankets.

Don't Overload Your Boxes- The boxes you pack should not weigh more than you can comfortably lift. Also, be sure that the box is not "*bulging*." This will help to keep everything stable when packing.

Wrap Fragile Items- Items like dishes & glasses, knickknacks, china and pictures should be wrapped in bubble wrap or paper. Be sure never to put other boxes on top of these. For items like mirrors, wrap them in cardboard to help protect them.

Label Your Boxes- Use a black marker to label your boxes with the contents (kitchen, bedroom, etc). Also, be sure to mark any boxes which should always be handled with care (this side up, fragile, etc). This will help you when you are moving and hopefully help to keep your items safe.

Use Good Quality Packing Tape- It may cost you a little more up front, but you will be glad you did later. Besides using less tape, thus saving money in the long run, you will also have tape that holds better, keeping your boxes intact.

Avoid Using Garbage Bags- Garbage bags can rip and allow for the growth of mildew due to their lack of ventilation.

Hang Items Which Need To Be Hung- You don't keep your good clothes in a pile when you are home, moving is no exception. Get a hanging wardrobe box if possible.

Always Think Small- Many items you need to store can be broken down into smaller, more manageable pieces (bed frames). Be sure when disassembling items, you place the screws into a plastic bag and tape them to the item.

Storage Tips

Let It Breathe- Leave airspace by not placing your boxes against the walls of the unit. This will help to prevent any absorption of moisture during the heating/cooling process.

Make A Map- Plan your storage space. Create a simple map and inventory of your storage unit, this way you can know at a glance just where items are stored.

Make A Path- If possible when filling your storage unit, leave a space to walk. This will make getting to items in the back of the unit easier.

Frequently Used Items To The Front- Keep items you may need access to frequently near the front of your storage unit. This will make getting access quick & easy.

Think When You Stack- In order to get the most from your self storage space, you will want to stack items almost to the ceiling. While an effective storage method, this can be dangerous if not done correctly. Stack heavier, larger boxes on the bottom and lighter, smaller boxes on top.

Have a Step Stool- Sometimes you can't easily reach the top of a stack. To reach the top items safely, be sure to use a step stool.

Cover Furniture- Many of the items you put in storage are expensive to replace. To help ensure that they will remain in the best condition possible, cover them when necessary. Some of the items you should cover include, mattresses and sofas. In some case, some mattresses and furniture can be stacked on end to help conserve space in the storage unit.

Use Your Trash Cans- Use the trash cans you are storing to hold your shovels, rakes and brooms. If you are storing more than one trash can, be sure to save space by stacking them inside one another.

Drain The Tank- Be sure to drain the gas tanks of your storage items. Some of the items to consider are lawnmowers, weedwackers and jet skis.

Don't store any of the following: perishable items, live plants, animals, flammable liquids, explosives, illegal contraband and automatic firearms. Please be sure to read our rental agreement for more specific information.

Lock It Up- Be sure to use a high grade pad lock on your store unit to help keep your items safe.