

TIPS FOR PROPERLY PACKING YOUR BELONGINGS FOR A STORAGE UNIT

Preparing to move your belongings to a storage unit is the perfect time to declutter and simplify your life – especially since the cost of a unit is based on how much and how long you store them. To save money, carefully consider each item before storing it. If it's not sentimental, useful or valuable, consider donating or selling it.

Once you've pared down your possessions, follow these tips for properly preparing and packing your belongings for storage to ensure they are in the same condition when you retrieve them.

○ Understand storage restrictions

Ask the storage facility for their rules and regulations on what can and can't be stored inside a unit. Items such as propane tanks, fireworks, gasoline, chemicals, paint and anything flammable cannot be stored.

○ Label, Label, Label

Use a labeling system that's simple, yet effective. For example, you can use numbers and different color permanent markers to indicate in which room each box will eventually go. (Blue = Living Room, Orange = Kitchen, etc.) Place labels in the upper-left-hand corner of every side of the box to ensure you can quickly identify the contents from any angle.

○ Create an inventory

As you pack your possessions, take photos and create a master inventory list so you can track everything in an organized way. Label containers to correlate with the numbers on your inventory list. Leave a copy inside the storage unit and save a copy on your computer. This will make retrieving specific items a breeze.

○ Protect your belongings

Clean and place items in airtight, plastic bins. (Clear bins help you contents.). Avoid using cardboard boxes to prevent damage from mold. Renting a climate-controlled unit will protect your belongings and furniture – from extreme temperatures. Pack clothing in zipped inside hanging garment bags. Mattresses should go in storage bags and furniture should be covered in a cotton sheet.



○ Disassemble large items

Large items like beds and tables should be disassembled before placed in storage. This will save space and better protect belongings from potential wear and tear.



○ **Prepare appliances**

Wrap small kitchen appliances and their cords in bubble wrap to prevent breakage, and use painter's tape to secure any loose parts. Leave the doors of large appliances slightly open to prevent mildew and moisture.

○ **Think strategically**

Be strategic about how and where you place items in the unit. Large, heavy items should be placed on the bottom. Box springs and mattresses should be stored flat – on top of heavy items – to prevent damage to padding and springs. Consider which items you'll need to access the soonest or most often, and place them in the front of the unit for easy retrieval.



Ready to Empty Your Storage Unit?

If you are ready to transport your belongings to your new home, but feeling overwhelmed by the dread of unpacking a sea of boxes, we can help.

ARRANGED will implement a plan to unpack your belongings and professionally organize each space in your home in a functional, aesthetically-pleasing way. We'll reduce your stress and the amount of time it takes for you and your family to feel right at home in your new residence.

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