

When loading a storage container on a public street please check with your local police department and municipality to see if a permit is required. You are responsible for obtaining any necessary permits and paying any associated fees for permits.

Self Storage Tips

Pre-Move Preparation for Self Storage

Pack as much as you can into cartons. This will provide the greatest protection for your belongings and will make loading the storage container easier. Odd shaped items take up more space and make loading more difficult.

Pack several days or weeks before your moving date, taking it one room at a time. Begin with things you use less frequently, such as seasonal items.

Reinforce the bottom of all boxes with plenty of tape. Fill each box to its capacity, using paper or fillers to fill any empty spaces. The top and sides of each box shouldn't bulge nor they should cave in when closed

Pack heavy items, such as books and tools, into smaller cartons. Keep the weight of each box down to a manageable level, normally around 35 pounds each. Remember you will be picking this box up when the storage container arrives at your new home.

Leave lightweight linens and clothing in their drawers. Pack extra linens, pillows and stuffed animals in large garbage bags and tape closed. Plan to use these bags as cushions or fillers in your Storage Container.

Use original shipping containers for computers, printers and other electronic items, if available. Secure moving parts and remove all detachable cables and wires. Tape electrical cords to the back of appliance to prevent plug damage.

Disassemble any items you can. Be aware of items with sharp corners or projections and keep them from puncturing or scratching other objects.

Use blankets and sleeping bags to wrap around furniture, chairs, refrigerator, bed frames etc. to prevent scratching.

Plastic sheeting from any paint supplier or home improvement store can be used to wrap around sofas, large chairs or other upholstered items.

Remove legs from furniture if possible. Place wing nuts or screws back on the unit they came from.

Place sofa cushions and pillows in bags to use as pads or fillers in the Storage Container.

If you stand mattresses on end, be sure to "prop" them up to stand straight or they may bend out of shape and become lumpy.

Move dressers without the drawers and replace the drawers when your dresser is inside the Storage Container with contents.

Clean and dry all appliances one or two days before you move. And don't forget to:

1. Remove broiler pan and racks from your oven.
2. Tape burners or coil elements to the top of your stove and tape down all knobs.
3. Disconnect and empty all washing machine hoses and store them inside the machine.
4. Immobilize the tub with a brace or by placing towels between the tub and side wall.
5. Tape electrical cords to each appliance and tape all doors and lids closed.
6. For refrigerators, leave the doors slightly ajar to prevent mold or mildew.

Drain all gasoline and oil from lawn mowers, chain saws and other equipment.

Disconnect and remove all batteries.

Remove all propane gas tanks from barbecue grill (you cannot store the bottle in the Storage Container).

Loading the Goods into the Storage Container

Have all your goods boxed, wrapped and ready for loading into the storage container prior to the arrival of the Storage Container.

Remember to bend at the knees when handling heavier items and lift them with your knees, not your back.

Ask for help with anything that tests your strength. Loading in an organized manner will greatly reduce fatigue.

Number your boxes and make a brief note on the box contents.

Load all items as tightly as possible to reduce shifting, rubbing and puncturing during transit. Be generous with blankets and padding, and place cardboard under anything that may be scuffed or soiled by riding directly on the floor of the storage container.

Load mattresses and upholstered furniture up off of the floor. Remember to use bagged pillows, stuffed animals and furniture cushions as well as additional paper and cardboard to fill all gaps and spaces

When the storage containers are loaded do a walk though your home to double check nothing has been left over.

Finally put a padlock on Storage Container

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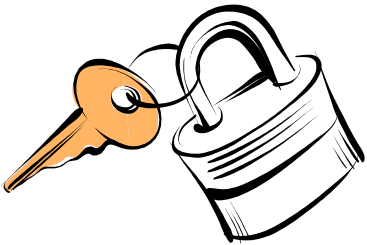
It is against the law to store materials that are **HAZARDOUS** or **COMBUSTIBLE** such as gasoline, solvents, paint, etc. Drain out all remaining gasoline from lawn mowers, snow throwers, power tools, boats, snowmobiles, etc.



DO NOT pack or store any flammable materials, aerosol products, or liquids, including hair spray, shaving cream, deodorants, insecticides, cleaning products, spray paint, nail-polish remover, bleach, lighter fluid, and motor oil.



DO NOT let children play in, on, or around this storage crate.



Remember to lock your crate when you are finished and to call us at **1-800-323-6600** for pick-up.