

Storage Tips

- Plan your storage space. Place frequently used items in the front. Leave a walkway for easier accessibility.
- Use freestanding shelves to help organize your things.
- Make an inventory of your stored items and keep it in a safe place at home or in a safety deposit box.
- Place your storage items on a 2x4 board or on pallets to guard against dampness. Concrete floors can become cold and damp. Also remember to use plastic sheeting.
- To protect your items cover them with moving pads, sheets, or blankets.
- Caution: Do NOT store anything combustible, such as paint thinner, gasoline, solvents etc.
- Use uniform boxes for east stacking. Be sure your boxes are strong enough to hold 25 pounds. Rubbermaid totes work well for storage and stacking.
- List contents of boxes on all four sides, number the boxes and seal them with tape.
- Dishes and glasses should be wrapped in paper and packed in sturdy boxes. Stack them on top.
- Pictures and mirrors should be wrapped in cardboard marked "fragile" and stacked on the end.
- Furniture with drawers can be used as storage places for pictures, Knick knacks, china, silverware, or other small items. Wrap these items in tablecloths, towels, blankets to help prevent breakage.
- Larger appliances make excellent packing cases for blankets, towels, table cloths, and clothes.
- Shovels, hoes, rakes and hoses can be stored together in empty trash cans. Stack extra cans inside one another.
- Sofas and love seats can be stored on the end to save floor space. Always place a protective cover under the item on the concrete. Cushions should be wrapped in plastic and placed on top.
- Cover stuffed furniture with cardboard or blankets to protect against dust.
- If you stand mattresses on their side prop them up so they stand straight. They may tend to bend out of shape and become lumpy. Also wrap them for protection and elevate off the floor.
- Prepare your space by placing a protective cover on the floor under your goods.
- Do not place heavy objects on top of upholstered furniture.
- Drain any fluids prior to storing snow blowers, lawnmowers, and other equipment. Do not store hazardous or combustible material.
- Be sure to check your unit frequently.
- Use a good quality lock. One of the most highly recommended is the disc lock which you can purchase from our office. Cheap locks rust and do not provide good security.