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Top Tips for How to Store Your Stuff

STORAGE TIPS

Whether you are storing Grandma's set of china, your kid's science fair winning project or your prized collection of Beatles records; store them right and keep them safe with these tips.

TIP #1.

Place items you'll need often at the front of the unit.

TIP #2.

When you pack your storage unit, create a center aisle for access to all items.

TIP #3.

Do not place boxes directly on concrete floors, but use pallets or skids to allow air flow around and under items.

TIP #4.

If you're storing tables and other furniture, remove legs and store tabletops and sofas on end, to save space.

TIP #5.

Old photographs tend to curl over time. To keep them flat, place them between two pieces of cardboard and tape them together.

TIP #6.

Drain gasoline and oil from lawn mowers and other items with small engines.

TIP #7.

Common sense and state law determines what may be stored. Therefore, never store firearms, illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia, live animals, perishables, liquids, explosives, flammable liquids and fuels, toxic materials or other items that need a controlled environment.

TIP #8.

Use trash cans to store shovels, hoes and rakes.

TIP #9.

Mattresses should be covered and stored flat on level surfaces.

TIP #10.

Use protective covers and treat wood surfaces before storing.

TIP #11.

When storing metal items, to retard rust, wipe all metal surfaces with a rag containing a few drops of machine oil.

TIP #12.

Pack blankets, draperies and dress clothes on the hanger in a wardrobe box.

TIP #13.

Always use high quality locks on your unit. Locks are available for sale, just ask your site manager for a recommendation.

TIP #14.

Always use climate control for humidity sensitive items.

TIP #15.

Whenever possible, place dressers and tables top-to-top to save space.