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What should/should not be stored in a self-storage unit?

Combustible, Flammable, Hazardous or Toxic Materials

Considered "inherently dangerous," these include gasoline, compressed gas, propane tanks, kerosene, lamp and motor oil, acid, grease, corrosives, fertilizer, paint, cleaners, chemicals, narcotics, or hazardous, toxic or biological waste. Asbestos or products containing asbestos are not allowed. You also cannot store fireworks, explosives, weapons or ammunition.

Tires & Vehicles

Storing vehicles is generally acceptable, as long as they are registered, insured and in operational condition. More than four tires in your self-storage unit because of the cost to dispose of them.

Medical/Pharmaceutical Supplies & Equipment

While most supplies are acceptable, radioactive equipment – or anything that contains radioactive materials – cannot legally be stored.

Construction Equipment

Please check with us before planning to store any construction equipment. Some equipment – for example, equipment used to locate underground water – is prohibited.

Perishable Food and Animal Products

Canned foods can be stored in storage units, but perishable food products such as cereals, produce or meats are not allowed. These may spoil or attract pests.

Miscellaneous Prohibited Items

Any animals or plants – alive or dead – cannot be stored. Nor can any stolen items. People are not allowed to plug in or use refrigerators, freezers, generators, space heaters or live in storage units.

Should you insure your stored items?

Self-storage facilities' insurance should include coverage of any damage that occurs to the storage building itself. This protection does not extend to your business or personal belongings.

Most items commonly stored are covered under self-storage insurance policies, one exception is vehicles. Most require stored vehicles to be covered by an auto insurance policy.

Rules for Vehicle Storage:

Wheeled vehicles must be in drivable condition, (i.e. must be driven onto the lot)

Most vehicles must be registered and insured, and you must provide proof of each

Tires must be inflated

Customers are prohibited from occupying vehicles while in storage.

Residential - Home/Apartment Storage Tips

Try to keep your boxes in uniform sizes. They are much easier to stack that way.

Make up an inventory of your stored items and keep it in a safe place at home or in a safe deposit box.

Pictures and mirrors should be wrapped in mirror crates marked "FRAGILE" and stacked on end.

Larger appliances make excellent "packing cases" for blankets, towels, tablecloths and clothes.

Use freestanding shelves to help organize your unit.

Be sure to store frequently used items at the front of the unit to avoid having to search for them.

Disassemble items such as tables, bed frames, etc. to save space. Wrap and label all pieces for an easier time when you have to reassemble them. Put all hardware in bags and mark the bags accordingly.

Make sure that all appliances are clean and dry before storing them. Leave appliances slightly ajar to prevent mildew.

To prevent rusting, rub a small amount of machine oil on metal tools, bicycles and equipment. Drain and clean all debris from all equipment before you store them.

If you've collected lots of books over time, it's a great time to reevaluate what you really want to keep. Never pack more than 30 pounds of books in a box. Use small boxes and pack books flat so the corners won't break.

Load furniture first and boxes last in the truck. It will make it easier when you unload at your storage space.

Commercial and Business Storage Tips

When storing books, pack them flat in the box to protect their spines. Use packing paper to fill out empty areas in the boxes. Do not overload.

Documents and file boxes can be stored more efficiently using free-standing shelving. Be sure to make a list of all stored materials, and, if possible, add coding to your boxes in an easily viewable place on the storage box to make retrieval easier.

When storing tools, metal items and equipment, be sure to clean and wipe with a rag and machine oil to keep away dust corrosion.

Never store perishables, liquids, explosives, flammable liquids and fuels, toxic materials or other items that need a controlled environment.