

# Packing & Storage Tips

## Store your stuff...we'll help you get it right

### Helpful Storage Tips

LifeStorage knows there's nothing more important than peace of mind when it comes to storing your belongings. That's why we go out of our way to give you the very best in self-storage, including this list of helpful tips that will keep your items safe and secure during the moving and storage process.

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**Tip #1** Common sense and state law determine what may be stored. You alone control access to your storage space; 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 #2** When you pack your storage unit, create a center aisle for access to all items.

**Tip #3** Store items you'll need most often at the front of the unit.

**Tip #4** Do not place boxes directly on concrete floors, but use pallets or skids to allow air flow around and under items.

**Tip #5** If you're storing tables and other furniture, remove legs and store tabletops and sofas on end, to save space.

**Tip #6** Whenever possible, place dressers and tables top-to-top to save space.

**Tip #7** Use trash cans to store shovels, hoes, rakes, brooms, and other items with long handles

**Tip #8** Old photographs tend to curl over time. To keep them flat, place them between two pieces of cardboard and tape them together.

**Tip #9** Drain gasoline and oil from lawn mowers and other items with small engines.

**Tip #10** Cover mattresses and store them flat on level surfaces.

**Tip #11** Use protective covers and treat wood surfaces before storing.

**Tip #12** To retard dust when storing metal items, wipe all metal surfaces with a rag containing a few drops of machine oil.

**Tip #13** Pack blankets, draperies, and dress clothes on the hanger in a wardrobe box.

**Tip #14** Always use high-quality locks on your unit. LifeStorage has a variety of locks available for sale; simply ask your site manager for a recommendation.

**Tip #15** Always use climate control for humidity-sensitive items.