



Some useful storage tips

- Make up an inventory of your stored items and keep it in a safe place at home and calculate the value of your goods in readiness for insurance purposes.
- Use good quality storage boxes.
- Fill boxes to capacity, partially full or bulging boxes may tip or collapse.
- Heavy items should be packed into small boxes so that they are easy to lift.
- Label or number boxes for easy reference when you need to locate your goods.
- Protect your fragile goods in bubble wrap.
- Dishes and glasses should be wrapped in tissue, paper or bubble wrap.
- Garden equipment should be cleaned before storing.
- Wardrobe boxes allow you to store your clothing on hangers, which keep their shape.
- Place heavy or bulky items in the unit first to provide a good stacking base.
- Plan your storage space - put those items that you may need to get to most often near the front, close to the door.
- To maximise space, stack similar sized boxes together.
- Do not place heavy items on sofas or mattresses.
- Always place a protective cover over your soft furnishings.
- Stack chairs seat to seat with cloth or paper to separate them.
- Leave refrigerator or freezer doors open for ventilation and ensure they are defrosted and dry before storage.
- Drain water from washing machines before storing.
- Pictures and mirrors should be wrapped in mirror boxes, marked fragile and stacked on their end.
- Avoid stacking or leaning furniture against outside walls to aid ventilation.
- Cover your goods with dust sheets to protect against dust.