

Self Storage Tips

Packing a storage unit is like playing Tetris, except you save space and money when you do it well.

- 1.** Do some spring cleaning and donate, sell or give away anything you don't really want to keep, this reduces the space you will need.
- 2.** Disassemble furniture, large items or odd shaped items so you maximize the space. Place small hardware in a plastic bag and tape it to the inside of the unit door. It's also good to label everything and keep an inventory.
- 3.** Start by loading bulk, heavy items and furniture first as they are the heaviest.
- 4.** It's best to load units from back to front and bottom to top, giving you space to work. The tallest and heaviest items should go first.
- 5.** If you store a mattress, stand it up straight to prevent it from being bent out of shape or becoming lumpy. Refrigerators should be fully defrosted and dried out.
- 6.** Pack items in boxes as much as possible, not only is it extra protection but stacking and filling the space becomes easier.
- 7.** Load lightweight and fragile items last and on top of the heavy bulk items.
- 8.** Maximize the vertical space of your unit. Pack items tightly and be sure to protect the fragile items with proper protective packing
- 9.** Fill in the cracks, there's often small space between larger items, these are perfect spots to slide in picture frames, pillows or blankets
- 10.** Check the moving truck, make sure all has been unloaded and latch the lock, your all done!

These quick tips will help you get the most space out of your storage unit.

