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Tip #1: Inspect your storage unit and make a list of packing accessories you will need. Commonly used packing aids include such items as newsprint or wrapping paper, bubble-wrap, tape, rope, drop cloths, polyurethane sheeting, mattress and furniture covers, pallets, skids, dehumidifiers, and cartons. The manager may have some or all of these items for sale on the premises.

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Tip #2: Place a pallet on the floor. Do not lean items against walls. Leaving air space around the unit's perimeter will aid ventilation. Leave a walkway to the rear of the unit. Use all the space available, including its height. Disassemble items such as bed frames.

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Tip #3: Place frequently used items near the door.

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Tip #4: Fill containers to capacity. Partially full or bulging cartons may tip or collapse. Heavy items such as books or tools should be packed in small boxes. If a carton is too heavy, it will be hard to lift and should be divided between two or more cartons.

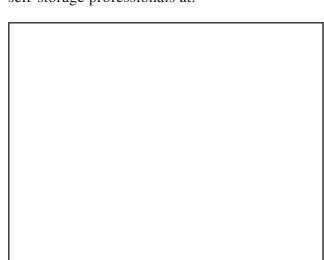
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Tip #5: Fragile items should be cushioned by packing and placed toward the top of the unit.

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Tip #6: Label cartons and take home a list of the labeled cartons for easy reference when you need to locate your property.

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Arizona Self-Storage Association PO Box 44031 Phoenix, AZ 85064 602-374-7184 www.azselfstorage.com hether you're storing items at your local self-storage facility or in your own garage, the following tips, compiled by the Arizona Self-Storage Association, are designed to keep your things safe and secure.

STORAGE TIPS

Appliances: A refrigerator or freezer should be thoroughly dry and stored with its door slightly

ajar. (If stored in an area accessible to children, the door should be secured shut or completely removed.) Some items can be stored inside large appliances. Cartons can be stacked on top of stoves, refrigerators, and freezers. Make sure that stove and



cooking equipment are cleaned before they are stored.

Bicycles & Other Metal Items: To retard rust,

wipe all metal surfaces with a rag containing a few drops of machine oil.

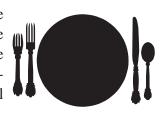


Books & Documents:

Pack books flat to protect their spines. Do not place boxes directly on the floor. Use pallets or skids to prevent moisture. Use packing to fill out empty pockets in the cartons. Do not pack fragile items in the same carton with books. Do not overload.

Bedding, Clothing, Curtains, Drapes & Linens: Clothing, curtains, and drapes should be stored on hangers. If hanging facilities are not available, such items should be carefully folded and stored in dresser drawers or cedar chests along with bedding and linens. Some self-storage facilities sell wardrobe style, cardboard cartons, which help protect your clothes. Food crumbs or stains should be removed before storage. Avoid storing anything that will attract rodents.

Dishes & Glassware: Place a layer of packing inside the bottom and top of the cartons containing glassware. Label all cartons. All glass items should be indi-



vidually wrapped. Nest cups and bowls and stand plates, saucers and platters on edge. Wrapped glasses should be placed toward the top of the carton.

Furniture: Place a pallet, cardboard mat, or plastic sheet on the floor and stand sofas and mattresses on

end. Disassemble beds and tables and wrap the legs in paper. If a table will not disassemble, place padding on the floor and place the table on its top with the legs pointing up. Use dresser tops for stacking cartons and dresser drawers for linens or small, delicate items.



Keep upholstery off the floor. Most lightweight chairs should be stacked "seat to seat" or placed upside down on tables that cannot be disassembled. Place a light dust cover over your furniture.

Holiday Decorations: Save original cartons and pad the ornaments with packing paper or newsprint. Wrap strings of lights around a piece of cardboard before placing in a carton lined with packing paper.



Lamps & Shades: Wrap large lamp bases in padding. Wrap smaller lamps and place them in cartons. Pack delicate lampshades separately. Do not use newsprint to wrap lamps shades or any other goods that may be damaged by ink stains. Do not store heavy items atop cartons containing lamps or lampshades.

Mirrors, Windows & Screens: These items should be stored on edge not flat.

Records & Phonographs:

Records should be stored on edge to prevent warping. When moving a record player, the tone arm and turntable should be secured to prevent bouncing.



Tools: Metal tools should be cleaned and wiped with a rag containing a few drops of machine oil to retard rust. Longhandled tools such as rakes, shovels, and hoes should be clean, lightly oiled, and tied in bundles.

Valuables: Store valuables in unmarked containers at the center or rear of your self-storage unit.