



PACKING HINTS AND TIPS

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PACKING AND STORING CHECKLIST

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We have loaded, moved and stored the goods for thousands of customers, and over time we have created the below 'tried and tested' checklist to assist you in preparing for pick up day. To keep your goods safe and secure at all times, and to minimise your pick up time check out these fail safe strategies to keep your day stress free and Super easy!

BEFORE YOU PACK

- Dispose of anything that you don't think you will need in your new premises rather than storing and transporting it. You can do this by selling it on Ebay, give to friends/family, or donate to charity.
- Create a packing plan – decide what will be packed into what.
- Write an inventory list of the major items, and groups of smaller items, that you are packing.

BOXING ITEMS

Clearly label every box with its enclosed items as you finish, for your own reference.

Wrap any breakables securely in bubble wrap or butchers paper.

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Work from the largest and heaviest items up to the smallest and lightest items in a box.

Double-tape the bottom of all boxes to make sure the bottom doesn't fall out when lifted.

Ensure you don't overload boxes – purchase proper moving boxes, check the weight rating.

Once you've got a handle on all your larger items and they're placed evenly together, go ahead with the smaller objects like boxes or containers. These are more straightforward to load, the only advice to give is make sure that your heavier boxes are placed on the bottom and of course lighter ones on top. This helps to prevent any of your items from toppling over one another. We also recommend adding in any extra padding or blankets where possible, in between crevices or on top of one another. This is why we offer complimentary blankets to ensure a sturdy resting place for your items, and if movement does occur your household items have extra padding to fall back on.

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PREPARING FURNITURE AND APPLIANCES

- Freezers and fridges must be cleared off all food items and defrosted at least 24 hours prior to moving day. Be sure to dry out fridge completely and empty the water tray located at the back of the fridge or freezer.
- You should consult the suppliers manual for moving advice for your specific electrics and electronics.
- Appliances such as washing machines, fridges, and dishwashers must be completely drained and dry.
- Wrap up electrical cords and tape them to the side of the appliance.
- Tape any doors shut.
- Turn off the gas and disconnect lines to gas appliances.
- Take toner and ink cartridges and removable media out of your electronics.
- Mark which cords go into which ports on your TV, DVD player, computer, etc.
- Empty the drawers and shelving inside furniture such as desks, wardrobes, dressers, etc.

Spray any wooden furniture with a good quality furniture oil and wipe off any excess, to help prevent drying and cracking while in storage.

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MISCELLANEOUS TIPS

- Breakables such as pictures and mirrors are safest stored on their end, rather than flat.
- Lamps are best stored with the base and shade separated and wrapped in bubble wrap, or in a box.
- Protect mattresses and lounges from dust, by storing them inside a furniture protector.
- Drain the fuel out of any power tools, mowers and motorbikes.
- Sprinkle some bi-carb soda in with books and clothing to help prevent odours forming while they're in storage.
- If you know you will need to access any items while they are in storage, load them last (close to the door of the module).
- Clearly mark fragile items and notify your moving team on the day.
- Do NOT pack your passport or important documents deep into your module!

Storage Tetris is a thing – it is the only way you can maximise space in your storage unit or **module** and prevent household items from potential breakage. Having a mix of household items of all different shapes and sizes to fit perfectly flush can feel like a tricky game of Jenga. It can often lead to hired self storage unit spaces not being used to its fullest potential, leading to wasted money. With help from the Supercheap Storage loading pros, you are able to better organise your stuff and get the most out of your storage module!

Organise For Easy Access

Just as you get all your storage goods together, make a side note of the ones you'll need to access often and place them in a separate pile for loading later on. This way when you go to access your self storage module you won't have to double handle your items by unloading and reloading your stuff back in every time you need to access it. We always recommend leaving a little walkway leading to the center of your module – this way you can get a decent look into everything you've stored without dismantling it.

Distribute Weight Evenly

To distribute the weight of your items equally means to have a generous balance of heavy objects on each side of the module, to secure it during transport or forklift movement. Start with heavy furniture items; your sofa, mattress or flat packs on each end and have them stacked vertically. But before you begin the lifting process, we recommend laying some cushiony blankets on the floors surface to prevent movement and scratches on your goods.

Making The Most Of Floor Space

Filling up the floor space of your module too soon can pretty much leave you feeling defeated! You're left to climb over your furniture to add what's left – essentially a dumping ground is the situation you're left with. To save valuable floor space get together the long and bulky furniture to fit upwards, so have them standing on its side. Now start to put the puzzle together, determine which household items sit well with one another and work from the end of the module to the front.

The Rest

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Protecting Your Things

Fortunately for you and your goods the modules at Super Easy Storage are engineered with breathable plywood to prevent humidity and moisture; the ideal environment for mould build up. Mould is a question of concern for most customers wanting storage. There are hacks to prevent this from happening, and a cost-effective suggestion we make is to clean your household items with baking soda or have it stored within your belongings to draw out any moisture. Be careful of using plastic to cover any of your stuff – while you might assume you're protecting it by adding an extra layer – water vapours can get trapped within the plastic setting off the growth of mould.