

Storage Tips

- If you need to access the goods in your storage unit, place items accessed more frequently at the front of your storage unit.
- Remove all perishables and flammable items like aerosols, batteries, gas and petrol from the goods you are going to store. Please empty gas canisters before bringing them to our storage facility.
- Make sure that your appliances are dry and clean before storing them. Leave the door of your fridge slightly open to prevent mildew.
- Leave a small space between the wall of your unit and the storage items to allow for proper ventilation.
- Stack lighter boxes on top of heavy boxes- use the height of your unit.
- Plastic covers do not allow moisture to escape. Remember to leave the bottom part of plastic covers slightly open. When storing on a long term basis this will prevent mildew to grow on your furniture. Rather consider covering furniture with blankets.
- Leather items can be covered in cushion craft or blankets. Cushion craft is bubble plastic with brown paper on the outside. Place the brown paper side on the leather item. The brown paper will absorb the moisture.
- Use blankets to cover table tops and chairs when stacking them on top of each other.
- Use the following covers and orientation when storing furniture.

Couches	Cushion craft or blankets, store on end, not flat
Paintings	Cushion craft or bubble wrap, store upright
Mirrors	Bubble wrap, store upright
Mattresses	See that it is dry before placing it into a plastic mattress cover; leave bottom end open for ventilation. Store flat
Wood & Steel Furniture	Use blankets.

- Dismantle items such as tables, bed frames and electronic appliances to save space. Wrap and label all pieces to simplify re-assembly.
- If you are storing metal items it is advisable to treat such items with a rust protector.
- Notify your household insurer that you will be storing your goods with Storage RSA. This will ensure that your goods are covered while in storage.
- Use two high quality 'disc' locks for your unit. Storage RSA specifically disapproves of padlocks.
- Ensure that you open the roller shutter door correctly – lift the doors from the middle up and bend your knees, not your back. Use the bottom handles only for closing the door.
- Do not give your unit number, tag or any other information to any one that is not listed as having access to your unit.
- A pest control program should be repeated at least every 6 months. If you are going to store for more than 6 months, open the unit and ask your facility manager to repeat the pest control treatment.