



Tankar

Self Storage Centre

THE GUIDE

HOW TO PLAN AND PACK LIKE A PRO INTO SELF STORAGE

THE CHECKLIST

Whether you are packing into long-term storage or only storing for a few months, learn all the tricks that professional movers use with this handy checklist for packing and moving your household contents into storage. With a little planning and preparation you can go from unpacked to stored in no time!



DON'T MISS OUR BONUS TIPS!



Don't pay for space that you don't need. Utilise the full 2.7m packing height to maximise space and save on monthly rent



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THE PLAN

Invest in Quality Supplies

- Invest in good quality boxes and the right packing supplies to get the job done efficiently
- To start you'll need sturdy book and tea chest boxes, clean wrapping paper, bubble wrap, and packing tape, to ensure your items are kept in the same condition as when you packed and for the duration of storage



Need supplies?
Boxes and packing
supplies are
available in our
[Online Box Shop](#)

Prepare Appliances

- Defrost refrigerators and freezers to avoid water damage. Tie down the appliance doors during transport but leave them slightly ajar once in storage to avoid mildew
- Drain washing machines and tie hoses and cords
- Wipe down and ensure appliances are thoroughly dry
- When storing an oven and refrigerator enclose the back area of the appliance to prevent vermin from taking up residence
- Label cables from electronics and tie together

Clean and Clean

- Remove the dust bag or empty the canister from the vacuum cleaner before storing to avoid attracting vermin
- Wipe out the microwave and any cooking appliances like toasters and ovens. Leftover food will attract pests and vermin to your unit and others
- Give sofas, upholstered chairs and rugs a good vacuum to collect dust and food particles
- Vacuum mattresses before covering in a heavy duty mattress bag to protect against dust and mites
- Spray wood furniture with furniture polish to give them added protection
- Treat leather pieces with a leather conditioner
- Wipe down metal objects and tools with a little oil to avoid rust
- Clean outdoor furniture and equipment. Be sure to empty lawnmowers, chainsaws and other supplies of petrol



Pop a few dryer
sheets or lavender
bags into your
linens to keep them
smelling fresh

THE PACK

Pack in Boxes

- Use sturdy cardboard boxes preferable of a uniform size which are easier to stack and make the most of vertical space
- Box up as much as you can and fill each box to its capacity to keep the box rigid and maximise space in every box
- Don't use domestic garbage bags and plastic bags that disintegrate over time and can trap humidity which causes mildew
- Clothes can be packed in suitcases, a wardrobe box with a built-in hanging rod, or tea chest size moving boxes
- Wrap mirrors and artwork in bubble wrap or use a picture box and mark 'Fragile'. Pay extra attention to corners to protect the weakest point
- Fill boxes to capacity. The contents in half-empty boxes can shift during moving or lifting. Foam peanuts or crushed paper is handy to fill the gaps in corners and between items
- Distribute the weight evenly in the box. Ensure the box is not too heavy for you to lift
- Clearly label all boxes to identify the key contents and the room



Make an inventory list and take photos of items as you pack



Vacuum sealed bags work well for clothing, bedding, and draperies to reduce volume in the box

Pack Like A Pro

- Wrap mirrors and artwork in bubble wrap or use a picture box and mark with 'Fragile'. Pay extra attention to the corners to protect the weakest areas of the frames
- Pack books flat to avoid damaging spines
- Separate lamp bases from the shade and wrap for protection in a box
- Protect mattresses and upholstered furnishings in a heavy duty plastic bag
- Electrical equipment such as TV's, stereos, and computers should be packed in their original boxes whenever possible. Fill all gaps with paper
- Disassemble furniture such as beds and tables before moving and storing. Wrap the separate sections and clearly mark them, keeping any hardware and assembly instructions together in a plastic bag. Ideally tape the hardware to the piece of furniture
- Wrap chair legs with bubble wrap



Wooden cedar balls in your woolens to help deter moths

GET STORING

- 1 Drive up directly to your self storage unit
- 2 Start by loading the back of the unit, placing heavier items on the bottom and stack upwards toward the ceiling
- 3 Do not lean items against the walls. Leave a small space between your items and the perimeter of the unit to allow for ventilation
- 4 Create a map or inventory list of where items are in the unit
- 5 Work forward, stacking boxes up with light, fragile items at the top
- 6 Put items you need to access more often to the front of the unit
- 7 Plan for a narrow walkway if you need to access the contents on a more regular basis
- 8 Store sofas and mattresses on end and stacking chairs seat-to-seat to help maximise space
- 9 Make the most of hollow space. Fill wardrobes, chests of drawers, storage ottomans, travel luggage with clothing, bedding and linens
- 10 When all your items are in, cover items with a sheet or drop cloth to keep them protected from dust



Keep a small step stool inside your unit to reach anything high



Know when to call in the professionals. Pianos and some types of exercise equipment need special handling

THE FINE PRINT

Tankar Self Storage Centre doesn't provide insurance for the contents of individual units and all goods are stored at your own risk. We suggest taking out insurance. Contact your insurance company and let them know you are storing with us. They can extend your policy for off-premise insurance coverage, or offer new policy, for the life of your storage term.

Create an inventory and ideally include an estimate of the replacement value of each item you store. This will help in the unlikely event of damage or loss and if you need to make an insurance claim.

Not sure what size space you need?

We're here to help. Call us: [02 4872 1679](tel:0248721679)

Email: info@tankarselfstorage.com.au

Check out our space calculator: tankarselfstorage.com.au/storage-solutions



WHAT NOT TO STORE

Anything potentially flammable or hazardous like paints, motor oil, cleaning products, propane tanks and fireworks

Weapons and ammunition

Any type of food product or perishables

Priceless family heirlooms

Need packing supplies?
[SHOP HERE](#)

Ready to get storing?
[RESERVE HERE](#)