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TOP PACKING TIPS

TO GET THE MOST FROM YOUR STORAGE

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Always make the effort to visit the storage facility – most people tend to overestimate the amount of space they need – this wastes your money!

By coming to look round you can check you are happy with the storage environment, security and the smaller the unit you take the more you save!





PACKING TIPS

TIP 1



Make packing easier by planning ahead. Gather up plenty of sturdy, corrugated cartons, packing paper, bubble wrap, sealing tape and marker pens, along with any furniture covers.

We can supply you with packaging supplies - just ask.

TIP 2



Boxes that are tightly sealed with packing tape will prevent dust from entering.

TIP 3



Wrap furniture legs with protective bubble wrap, furniture covers or pads to prevent scratching.

Leave slipcovers on upholstered chairs and mattresses and cover them with covers or plastic bags to keep them clean during storage.

TIP 4



Label boxes on all sides for easy identification.

Keep a list (as well as pictures and descriptions) at your home or office for reference. Clearly mark all boxes containing fragile items. Make sure fragile boxes are placed on top of heavier, less delicate boxes.

TIP 5



Use valuable space inside dresser drawers and larger appliances, such as stoves and refrigerators, to store small items such as towels, linens and small, fragile items.

Secure items in the drawer by filling empty spaces with towels or packing paper.

TIP 6



Pack as much as you can in the same size boxes.

Fill boxes tightly, but take care to neither over-pack nor under-pack— bulging cartons tip when stacked, while half full boxes tend to collapse. Use wadded up newsprint, bubble wrap, rags, towels, or blankets to fill in empty spaces.

For maximum protection seal cartons with tape.

TIP 7



Pack heavy items such as books and tools in small boxes. For easier handling limit the weight of all cartons, regardless of size, to around 13 Kgs or less.

TIP 8



Clean and dry appliances before storing. Secure all movable parts with paper, or wedge and wrap a paper pad around each item for protection.

During transport tape all doors shut, but remember to wedge them open for storage.

TIP 9



Pack books flat to protect their spines.

Line cartons with plastic and fill empty spaces with packing paper.

TIP 10



Use lots of paper to pack dishes and glassware.

Place a layer of packing paper inside the bottom and top of cartons. Wrap each dish and glass separately and cushion them with crumpled paper. Plates are best stacked on edge.

TIP 11



Hang clothes and draperies in wardrobe boxes.

TIP 12



Pack lamps and lampshades in individual boxes.

Use plenty of clean paper or clothing for padding.

Thank you for your enquiry and we hope we can help you with your storage needs!

We also sell packaging, boxes, bubble wrap etc.

We have many different unit sizes available.

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SIX WEEKS BEFORE THE MOVE

TICK

DATE

- Confirm the date of your move.
- If you're renting, notify your landlord of your moving date.
- Check your home insurance - make sure you have cover from the day you move in to your new home.
- Obtain written quotes from several removal firms. Get references and check the limits of their insurance.
- If you're not using professional removers, ask friends to help.
- Book extra storage space if required.
- Notify the relevant utility companies of your departure.
- Start getting rid of possessions you no longer need.
- Decide which items can be taken to a charity shop, sold at car boot sale, or offered to your friends.
- If you need new furniture or carpets - order them now and arrange delivery for when you move in.

TWO WEEKS BEFORE MOVING

- Start packing non-essential items such as books and non-seasonal clothes into boxes.
- De-register from your doctor, dentist and optician if you're moving out of the area.
- Visit the post office and arrange for your post to be forwarded (you will be charged a fee for this service).
- Notify your milkman and newspaper shop that you'll be moving and give them a date you want the service to stop.
- If you have children or pets, arrange for someone to look after them during the move.
- Make a list of everyone who should know about the move. Send out change of address cards.
- Finalise arrangements with your removal company. Confirm arrival times and make sure your removers have directions to your new address.
- Arrange a time to collect the keys for your new home from the estate agent.
- Notify then bank of any changes to direct debits and standing orders.

Notes
