

SMITHTON STORAGE CENTER

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00 to 4:30, Sat. 9:00 to 12:00, other hours available by appt

Helpful TIPS for Self Storage

- Use only the highest quality packing boxes. These and other materials are available at the Smithton Business Center.
- Use same size boxes for easy stacking; be sure your boxes are strong enough to hold 25 to 30 lbs. Stack lighter weight boxes on the top of heavier ones.
- Plan and organize your storage space. Place those items you need to access often in the front. Leave a walkway to the back of the unit.
- Make a list of items in storage and keep it in a safe place.
- Protect furniture by wrapping them in pads and covers.
- Store your mirrors and pictures in an upright position. Wrap with cardboard or paper pads and mark "Fragile".
- Sealing boxes helps keep dust out. Label all boxes on several sides for easy identification.
- Place your item on wooden pallets or sheets of plastic tarp to guard against dampness.
- Use shelving to maximize your storage space.
- Drain gas from mowers and other power equipment. Wipe a few drops of machine oil on metal tools, and equipment to prevent rusting. (Federal & State Laws prohibit storage of any combustible items in your storage unit.)
- Use a good quality lock on your storage door. Inexpensive locks rust and do not provide good security. We recommend only disc locks because of their added security.
- Sofas and love seats may be stored on end to save space (except sleeper sofas). Always place a protective cover (never cardboard) under the items on the concrete.
- Dishes and glasses should be wrapped in paper and packed in sturdier boxes. Mark them "Fragile".
- Shovel, hoes, rakes and hoses can be stored together in empty trash cans. Stack extra cans inside one another.

- If you stand mattresses on their side, prop them up so that they stand straight. They may tend to bend out of shape and become lumpy.
- Tables having removable legs should be broken down to save space.
- Cover all your stored belongings with a light plastic sheet or blanket. Allow for ventilation in humid areas.
- Leave airspace around the unit's perimeter to aid in ventilation.
- Store records on edge. They are quite heavy, so be sure you don't pack too many in one box.
- Fire, hazardous weather conditions, and vandalism all can happen at homes and apartments. It can also happen at your self storage facility. Ask our storage consultant about insuring your belongings while in storage.