

# Short-Term & Long-Term Self-Storage Best Practices



It's important to know what your storage needs are so you can prepare and pack appropriately. Length of time is often an overlooked factor. Check out these short-term and long-term self-storage tips and best practices.

## For short-term self-storage, keep these things in mind:

### ➔ How often will you need to access your items?

Most people that are using a short-term storage solution will want to get a hold of their items on a regular basis. For this reason, be sure to organize your boxes well and label them accordingly. When you're loading them into your storage unit, be sure to keep them up against the wall and allow for an aisle or path to help you locate and access items quickly. You'll also want the space to lift and/or open the boxes to find what you need with ease.

### ➔ How many fragile items will need to be stored?

Fragile and delicate items should be packed and wrapped properly no matter what, but when they're in short term storage, they will likely be moved around more. Prevent breakage or shifting by ensuring each item is wrapped carefully with thick Kraft paper or inflated bubble wrap.

## For longer-term self-storage, keep these items in mind:

### ➔ What packing material should be used?

If you have items stored for more than three months, be sure they are not wrapped in plastic bags. Plastic can keep moisture in and speed up the mold and mildew growth process. This could cause significant damage over time. Instead, buy sturdy boxes that are easily stackable and wrap your items securely with bubble wrap or paper.

### ➔ Seal, wrap, and store.

Sealing fabric and clothing items through vacuum sealing can help keep moisture and humidity at bay and protect against damage. If you're storing appliances, wipe down the interiors well, wrap the cords carefully, and leave the doors open to avoid moisture accumulation.

Before you start packing, know what type of storage solution you need, so you can save time and effort. No matter what you decide, our team at Bargain Storage can help make your transition a smooth one.



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