Tips on Moving, Packing, and Storage
At Windmill Mini Storage, we want to assist you any way possible to make your storage worry-free. Below are some moving, packing, and self storage tips we thought might be helpful. Please feel free to consult with our staff for advice on meeting your moving and storage needs.

Choosing the Right Storage Place
The first thing you need to consider is which self-storage facility to use. If you're unsure, visit some self-storage facilities and check them out first before you choose. By the time you make your choice you should be comfortable with the following:
- Security features in place
- Access to your self-storage unit when you need it
- The units are the right size for your needs and future needs
- The storage units are clean and well-maintained
- Pest control features
- No hidden surprises in the contract of the self-storage facility

Organizing your Storage Unit
Use all the space available, including the height. Place a pallet on concrete floors and leave a walkway in your space for easy access, placing frequently used items near the door. Label your boxes and take home an inventory list of the labeled boxes for easy reference when you need to locate your goods. Heavy items like books or tools should be packed in small boxes so they are easier to lift. Protect your fragile goods with packing (i.e., bubble-pack or other) and place them near the top of your storage space.

Storing Appliances
Tape doors shut while moving. A refrigerator or freezer should be dry and stored with the door slightly open to prevent the build-up of mold/mildew and odors. Some goods can be stored inside large appliances and boxes can be stacked on top of stoves, refrigerators, and freezers.

Storing Bedding, Clothing, Curtains, Drapes and Linens
Clothing, curtains, and drapes should be stored on non-rusting hangers. You can purchase moving boxes designed for this or such items should be carefully folded and stored in dresser drawers or cedar chests along with bedding and linens. Use cedar chips or mothballs to prevent moth damage.

Storing Books and Documents
Pack books flat to protect their spines and together in small boxes for easier moving. Consider placing boxes on pallets or skids to prevent moisture absorption. Store your valuable papers and documents in plastic bags.

Storing Bicycles and Other Metal Items
It might be a good idea to put a few drops of oil on items that might rust. Insure that these items don't come in contact with other items. For lawnmowers and motorcycles, remove all gas and oil and store on a plastic sheet.

Storing Dishes and Glassware
All glass items should be individually wrapped. Wrapped glasses should be placed near the top of the cartons. Do not place heavy items on boxes containing glassware.

Storing Electronic Equipment
It is a good idea to use the original boxes. If you don't have them, pack items carefully and use cushion material such as bubble wrap, foam or wadded up newspaper. Pack items separately. Consider the temperature as heat can warp CD’s and record albums.

Storing Furniture
Disassemble bed frames and tie them together. Use plastic bags to store screws and bolts and tape them to the items that they belong to. If you stack furniture items, place pads, blankets, or towels between them to prevent scratching. Store frames in back corner to prevent them from falling over on other items. Don't use plastic to cover items as moisture can condense under it. Consider using sheets or cotton cloth. Stand mattresses on end, as well as sofas with pallets or cardboard under them. It is a good idea to wrap mattresses in mattress bags or cover them with paper or cloth. Stand mattress on something to allow airflow and to prevent moisture from getting to them.

Storing Pictures and Mirrors
Wrap pictures that are small and consider special picture moving boxes for larger ones. Consider using foam or bubble wrap.

What Not to Store
Do not store combustibles including paint and thinners. Do not store perishables.

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