



## Storage Checklist: Store With Confidence!

### Step 1: Finding the right storage unit!

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| a) Find a convenient and accesible location. Travel time is wasted time so ensure you aren't spending significant time traveling!  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Determine if the facility has the right features and quality standards for your valuables! Whether it's preventing water damage or securing important documents, always confirm the facility covers it all! | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Always compare prices... but don't get fooled! If you're paying peanuts than you're likely getting minimal quality control.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Step 2: Determine the right unit size for you!

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| a) Make a list of what you want to store – is your castle a 1 BR condo, or a 3 BR house, or is it just to make visiting auntie comfy?   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Check your furniture sizes – measure the largest piece to see if it can fit in the unit/you don't want to take it back home, do you? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Confirm availability – before booking your moving vehicle, always ensure you have a unit secured with the accesibility needed.       | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Reserve a unit – make sure it's ready for you and avoid stressing out on moving day.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Step 3: Confirm your moving date with all venues, participants, or suppliers involved!

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| a) Finalize self storage agreement and pay unit fees - ask about deals or prepayment discounts (hey, save when you can). | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Reserve a reliable moving company - cheap isn't always the best.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Get moving and packing supplies - LCBO boxes are not always the best.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Start packing - no overfilled or overweight boxes & your back will love you.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Label all box contents - labels on front/sides so you're not guessing.  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Books and Files - small boxes to avoid potential back breakers.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| g) Protect fragile items - bubble wrap or packing paper.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| h) Protect electronics - bubble wrap or packing paper.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| i) Protect furniture - bubble wrap or blankets and sheets.   | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Step 4: Moving Day!

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| a) Be at the unit when the mover is - how will you find anything if you need it?  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Place items to which you may need frequent access at the front of the storage unit - you'll save your sanity.                            | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Put heavier boxes at the bottom of any stack in the storage unit - this prevents items from being destroyed or from piles toppling over. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

### Step 5: After Moving Day!

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| a) It's easy - stay up to date on payments! This will help you avoid late fees.                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Confirm the hours of accesibility to ensure you can add or remove items at your convenience! | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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### Choose a Self-Storage Facility Near You

You can conduct an online search to locate a storage facility that is located conveniently near you. Simply search “self-storage near me” or “self storage in Richmond Hill” and you will see a map outlining the various locations and options in your area. The less time it takes for you to travel to and from your home to your storage facility, the better.

### Pick a Reliable Storage Company – Visit facilities if you can

If you choose to store your belongings at a facility, you are choosing to place your trust in a third party to ensure the safety and care of your belongings. Even if you aren't storing high-value items, it's still pretty important to go with a company that has a good track record, like Abacus Self Storage. Before you sign anything, you should read reviews and past customer testimonials. If at all possible, you should make a visit to the self storage facility to see how clean it is, what their security standards are, and so on, which will probably give you a good idea as to how well the facility is managed, and the quality of service you will get.

Keep in mind that you will get what you pay for, so don't go for a sketchy company just because their rate is only a few dollars cheaper than the competition. You can also ask your friends or family for referrals. You want to be sure to get your things back in the same condition as when you put them into storage!

### Shop Early To Get A Unit That Fits Your Needs

You need to take into account some key factors before picking your storage unit. These include the size, price and convenience for your situation. In order to make the right choice, you should start the search process as soon as possible to find the proper unit and reserve it for your future move!

If you take too long to book, the unit you want might not be available, or you might not have the time to conduct the necessary research to see what options you have. Your best bet is to start looking early and have a backup plan in place, compared to starting late and making a rash decision.

### Take an Inventory on the Things you Plan to Store

Taking an inventory of the belongings you plan to store can be helpful in two ways. It will help you determine what size unit you need, and it helps you stay organized once you move things. It doesn't need to be super-detailed, just a general idea of what you intend to keep in your unit.

For example, a kayak and seven medium boxes. Based on your inventory list you will be able to have an idea of how much space you need and you can use a storage unit sizing guide to select the best unit to fit all of your items.

### Don't Overpack

When you are filling up your moving boxes, avoid packing too many items in the box, making the box walls start to bend or bulge. Doing so will impact the integrity of the box and it will be more likely to collapse under the weight, causing damage to your belongings and even allowing them to spill out. This can also make your boxes or storage bins too heavy. You should separate your items across your storage boxes and bins so the loads are not too heavy for those lifting them.

### Separate Fragile Items

Fragile items that can be easily cracked, shattered or broken should be placed into their own storage boxes and they should be wrapped well with bubble wrap or other soft items like blankets. Pack them carefully to avoid damaging them and clearly label each box as “FRAGILE”. Make sure to place these bins in strategic places in your unit where the labels are visible.

### Don't Leave Items Unprotected

You can prevent your items from becoming damaged by making an effort to properly pack and wrap them. Furniture should be covered with sheets or moving pads, but avoid plastic which can trap moisture and cause mold growth. If you are using plastic, ensure that you poke holes in the plastic to provide air circulation. Small items should be boxed up and fragile items should be securely packed in to stop them from moving around and possibly getting damaged.

### Pack Heavy Items and Boxes Lower

When moving your storage boxes, always place the heavier boxes at the bottom. Packing them up high can cause damage to the boxes below them, and they can also pose a tripping hazard or cause back injuries. Save your light items for last. Always store your items smartly. By following these self-storage tips you can ensure that you have the best storage experience and your belongings are kept safe and sound.