



### *Helpful hints for storing your property*

- \*Rent the smallest space possible and pack the space full!
- \*When arranging your items within your unit, leave a center aisle for easy access to all items
- \*Be sure to store frequently used items at the front of the unit to avoid having to search for them. Also, store valuable items towards the back of the unit.
- \*Place your storage items on 2x4 boards or on pallets
- \*Leave a small space between the goods stored & the storage unit's walls.
- \*Do not stack heavy or folded objects where they could shift or collapse when you move or need access
- \*When packing boxes, try to limit the weight to 20 lbs. or less; pay special attention to books, being careful to pack them in small cartons & to alternate bindings & cushion with wadded packing paper.
- \*Do not use printed newspaper to pack with. The ink may smudge off on your items.
- \*Use uniform size boxes that are easy to handle for easy stacking; be sure they are strong enough to support stacking. Stack lighter boxes on top of heavier non-breakable boxes.
- \*Label each box on all four sides with numbers & seal with tape; never write on the box what its contents are. Mark "Fragile" on all boxes with breakables. Numbering boxes can yield an easy-to-read inventory list of your stored items. Keep this numbered list of all itemized contents in a safe place at home or in a safe deposit box
- \*Appliances must be thoroughly clean and dry. Prop refrigerator & freezer doors slightly open.
- \*Pack appliances in factory boxes whenever possible & cushion with wadded (not shredded) packing paper. Shredded paper can get into the machines and cause damage.
- \*To save space, fill interiors of appliances with linens, towels, tablecloths, clothes and stuffed toys. Stuff towels between the washing machine & the inner tub of the washing machine to keep the tub from rotating.
- \*Prop mattresses & box springs (wrapped for protection) on long edges, standing straight (may otherwise tend to bend out of shape).
- \*Drain water beds completely & pack with moth balls to prevent mildew & pest infiltration.

\*Sofas & love-seats can be stored on end to save floor space. Always place a protective cover completely around the item. Cushions should be wrapped & placed on top

\*Cover stuffed furniture with cardboard or blankets to protect against dust. Do not place heavy or sharp objects on top of upholstered furniture

\*Never store anything in sealed plastic bags, especially in non-A/C storage. The humidity will cause damage to your goods.

\*Pictures and mirrors should be wrapped in cardboard and marked "FRAGILE." Stand them on end, straight up; never flat. Dishes, glasses & stemware should be wrapped individually in paper & packed in sturdy boxes, stacked on top.

\*When wrapping collectibles or anything breakable, tape it after you wrap it. This will keep you from mistaking them for the excess paper you used to fill the box.

\*Disassemble/"break down" beds & tables, etc being sure to mark the pieces so that they are easy to put back together.

\*When you disassemble electronics such as computers and stereos (items that have numerous cables), place small colored stickers on the cable & the same color sticker where the cable goes. If possible, use the original packing for electronic items.

\*Wax wood furniture before storing it. Use sheets or cotton cloth to cover furniture.

\* Furniture with drawers can be utilized as packing space. Fill them with some of your fragile items and use blankets, sweaters and towels for padding.

\* Shovels, hoes, rakes, and hoses can be stored together in empty trash cans. Stack extra cans inside one another

\*\*Don't forget to secure your self storage unit with the perfect-fitting locks provided by us; these are GUARANTEED FOR A LIFETIME!

\*\*Do not assume that your homeowner or renter insurance will cover your belongings while in storage; CALL AHEAD TO CONFIRM! You may need to purchase insurance.

**CAUTION:** Do NOT store anything COMBUSTIBLE (e.g., paint thinner, gasoline, solvents, paint, etc.)

It is against the law to store materials that are hazardous or combustible such as gasoline, cleaning fluids, paint, etc... Drain all gasoline from lawnmowers, power tools, boats, snowmobiles, etc. before storing them. Lyons Self Storage/Mead Mini Storage prohibits the storage of any items which could attract rodents or pests; specifically food items.