

# Storage Checklist and Tips



**KENT'S STORAGE CHECKLIST AND TIPS, COMPLETE WITH OUR BEST MOVING AND STORAGE TIPS, INCLUDING STORAGE PACKING TIPS AND FURNITURE STORAGE TIPS!**

**As part of Kent's commitment to ensuring a successful, stress-free move for your peace of mind, the safety of your treasures, and our people, is paramount. To keep your treasures safe and secure while in storage (whether it's short-term, long-term, self-storage or containerised) follow our comprehensive storage tips:**

## GENERAL MOVING AND STORAGE TIPS

- ✓ **Make an inventory list.** Prepare an inventory of your belongings to determine the type and size of storage you require (containerised, short or long-term, and so on)
- ✓ **Source storage quotes.** Professional removal companies or long-standing storage facilities should be your preference when sourcing quotes. Ensure they provide all the services you need, from **professional packing**, through to the supply of **moving boxes** and packing materials, to keep your belongings safe and secure (**Kent Secure Storage is more secure and up to 50% cheaper than traditional self-storage options**)
- ✓ **Ask about inclusions.** When sourcing quotes ask about inclusions so you can compare like with like, particularly terms and conditions and storage options
- ✓ **Storage facility tips.** Before you make a final decision, check that the storage facility is:
  - Secure from unauthorised public access and security monitored 24/7
  - Complete with fire monitoring and control systems
  - Located in an area that is not prone to flooding
  - Weatherproof, to protect your treasures from mould and mildew
  - Pest and vermin proof
  - Climate controlled and dust-free.
- ✓ **Arrange storage insurance.** Once you have booked in your storage service, arrange insurance, as your home contents insurance may not cover your items while in storage (Kent has a range of **removals and storage insurance** options available)
- ✓ **Engage the help of removalists.** Book a professional removal company to safely transport your belongings into storage (Kent includes professional pick-up and delivery with storage bookings).

## MOVING INTO STORAGE CHECKLIST

- Make an inventory of all of your belongings to decide what is essential to store, and what can be given to friends and family, donated or thrown away
- As a rule, foodstuffs and dangerous goods (corrosive, flammable, explosive, spontaneously combustible, toxic, oxidising or water-reactive goods) cannot be stored. Moving these items into storage may invalidate insurance and cause damage to your belongings (see **Kent's Moving House Do's and Don'ts Checklist** for more information)
- Keep identification, legal and other important documents in a safe place, away from items moving into storage
- Even in the best storage facilities, airflow is limited. To lower the risk of humidity, mould or mildew damage, treat timber and leather before moving into storage
- Empty the contents of wardrobes, drawers and cupboards to protect their shelving and structure. Where possible, remove the legs from furniture items (bed bases, table legs) to prevent damage and save on space
- Disconnect, defrost and wash out fridges, freezers and washing machines (vinegar is good for this purpose), then allow to dry thoroughly. Leave doors slightly ajar to help prevent smells, mildew and deterioration of rubber seals in storage
- If possible, return electrical goods to their original packaging. Otherwise, use an appropriate moving box with lots of **protective packing material** (ask Kent about their custom built moving boxes)
- Label your storage boxes clearly on all sides for easy locating
- Mirrors and artwork should be protected by specialised packing material and a flat-pack carton (ask Kent about their range of protective packing materials and Flexi-Art Paks). Store in an upright position, not lying flat
- Pack books flat in smaller boxes so their spines won't break



For secure storage contact:

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- Keep your clothing clean and wrinkle free; Kent's custom designed Fashion Pak allows you to store your clothes on hangers. The unused space at the bottom can also be useful for storing shoes
- Double wrap any special items susceptible to extreme heat or cold, such as old photos and books, and vinyl records
- Use removalist blankets to protect furniture and wrap around other items. This helps keep out dust and insects while your goods are in storage (Kent Secure Storage can include free packing blankets and heavy-duty plastic covers)
- Take batteries out of toys, remotes and other items to avoid irreparable damage should battery acid leak in storage
- Drain all fuel and oil from motorised equipment such as lawn mowers and machinery to avoid potential fire hazards
- Drain garden hoses, then loop together with the ends connected
- When moving into storage, your packers need to maximise use of available space in the storage container. They need a clear path and access to move through your home and find items that will fit
- Professional packers will provide an inventory, but it pays to make your own list of the items you're moving into storage. Keep a storage checklist or hang one inside your storage unit door to help locate anything you need quickly.



## STORAGE UNIT PACKING TIPS

- ✓ **Use pallets.** Before moving into a storage unit, line with pallets to keep valuables off the floor. If there's heavy rain or the unit next door has a spill, your possessions will be safe
- ✓ **Use space well.** Pack to the ceiling and you'll find storage units hold a great deal. Plywood run across several moving boxes can also help to stabilise layers. Pack large and heavy items that you can stack upon at the rear of the storage unit, then work to the front and upwards with lighter, more fragile items. Any long items such as mattresses and bed frames should be placed on their edges along walls
- ✓ **Invest in a good quality lock.** If moving into self-storage, buy an all-weather padlock with a short arm. That way, bolt cutters can't be used to slice it open
- ✓ **Protect the space.** Be aware that self-storage facilities can have penalties for damage. Hang industrial plastic against the walls if there is any risk of drips, over-spray or other damage.



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