

Morris Self Storage

Storage Tips

- **Avoid plastic bags:** Opt for sturdy, airtight plastic containers instead of plastic bags, which can trap moisture and create a breeding ground for mold.
- **Pack paper over plastic:** Use packing paper or packing peanuts instead of bubble wrap or plastic sheeting, which can trap moisture.
- **Use desiccant packs:** Place moisture-absorbing packets or desiccant packs (like silica gel) inside containers to control humidity.
- **Elevate items:** Place items on pallets or wooden planks to keep them off the floor and away from potential moisture or dampness.
- **Pack tightly:** Avoid overcrowding containers, leaving space for air to circulate. Consider leaving some space between items and the walls of the unit.
- **Disassemble furniture:** Disassemble large furniture pieces to save space and protect them from damage. Wrap individual pieces with protective materials.
- **Clean items thoroughly:** Ensure all items are free of food debris or other potential food sources for pests.
- **Check on your unit:** Regularly visit your storage unit to ensure everything is in good condition and to address any potential issues.
- **Consider climate control for sensitive items:** If you're storing items that are particularly vulnerable to temperature and humidity changes consider climate-controlled storage.
- **Store items appropriately:** Wrap furniture in breathable materials like cotton sheets or blankets.
- **Protect electronics:** Store electronics and cords in waterproof bags.
- **Avoid storing prohibited items:** Some items are not suitable for non-climate-controlled storage, such as food, perishable goods, and items that are extremely sensitive to temperature changes.

- **Always ensure that your items are covered by obtaining Storage Insurance. Morris Self Storage will not be liable and will not reimburse any damage to personal items.**

Non-Climate-Controlled Storage FAQs

Q: Does storage need to be climate-controlled?

A: No, storage doesn't always need to be climate-controlled. Non-climate-controlled storage is especially great for short-term moves or if you're storing items that aren't sensitive to high temps and humidity.

Q: How do you keep your stuff safe without a temp-controlled storage unit?

A: To keep your items safe without temperature control, keep moisture control top of mind. Make sure everything is dry before you pack it away. Use sturdy boxes, avoid plastic bags, and consider using packing paper instead of bubble cushioning roll or plastic wrap. You can also use desiccants (moisture absorbers) in your storage unit to help combat humidity. These steps can help keep mold and other damaging factors away from your items.

Q: Can I store my furniture in a non-climate-controlled storage unit?

A: Whether or not you should store furniture in non-climate-controlled storage really depends on the type of furniture. It's perfectly safe if the piece isn't sensitive to temperature changes and humidity. Patio furniture, for example, is built to withstand extreme conditions, and newer furniture can withstand short-term non-climate-controlled storage. If you're hesitant, be sure to check with the furniture manufacturer first.

Q: How do you protect furniture in storage without climate control?

A: After you've determined that your furniture can withstand temperature and humidity changes, make sure everything is clean and dry before you

store it. Then wrap everything up to ensure it's safe before storing it off the ground on pallets or cinder blocks. Be sure not to cram too many things inside the storage unit, as well. You want to maintain some air circulation around the furniture in non-climate-controlled storage.

Q: How do you store clothes in non-climate-controlled storage?

A: Ensure your clothing is clean and dry before storing in sealed containers. Plastic bins and wardrobe boxes are great options for this. We would recommend stacking any cardboard boxes on top of plastic bins to ensure moisture from the floor doesn't compromise the boxes.

Q: Can you store a TV in non-climate-controlled storage?

A: We don't recommend storing a TV in a non-climate-controlled storage unit, particularly if you live in a very hot and humid climate. Extreme temperatures and humidity can damage electric connections and could cause the TV to malfunction or break.

Q: Can I store a mattress in a non-climate-controlled storage unit?

A: While it is possible to store a mattress in a non-climate-controlled storage unit, it may not be the best option if you're storing it long-term or live in a hot and humid climate. The combination of extreme temperatures and humidity is a breeding ground for mold and mildew, not to mention the materials of the mattress itself.

Q: How do you store books in a non-climate-controlled storage?

A: When packing your books for long-term storage, be sure to wrap the books in acid-free paper to ward off mildew. Bubble cushioning roll is another good option, but stay away from plastic bags, which can trap moisture and damage the books over time. When the temperature changes in a non-climate-controlled storage unit, the air condenses, which causes moisture to develop. Including desiccants in boxes can also help protect your books.

