



## **Tips for Self Storage Customers: Save floor space and money by using vertical space too!**

1. Most sofas can be stored on end (many manufacturers store them this way). Simply place a piece of thick cardboard or a thick blanket on the floor and tip the sofa on its end. If you store a sofa in its "regular" orientation, do not stack boxes or heavy items on the cushions as they will retain the flattened contour.
2. If you are storing a washer/dryer, put them against a wall. You can stack a mattress/boxspring on top of them to make use of all that vertical space.
3. Stack end tables, night stands, dressers (after you remove the mirror) and chest of drawers. Be sure to put a blanket or thick piece of cardboard between each layer to cushion the surface and avoid scratches.
4. When storing a table with legs that cannot be removed, stack boxes under the table to use that space efficiently. Take care not to overload items on top of a table. Try to keep it to bulky, but light things like blankets or cushions- or that big wheel junior has outgrown.
5. We do not recommend sealing items in plastic bags. Items such as mattresses and furniture can be covered but not sealed up. It is not for concern of moisture in the unit but the moisture that is already in the fabrics that become trapped in the plastic.
6. If you are storing electronics, we recommend that you place them away from the doorway for more protection.
7. If you are stacking a lot of boxes, we recommend that the bottom box be made of plastic or at the very least a double wall box. Bottom boxes tend to fail and could make the whole stack fall!
8. **Remember to insure your goods!** *Self storage facilities do not insure your goods!* Some facilities offer insurances, others will give you a brochure for self storage insurance. Check with your current homeowners or renters insurance. Some of the larger companies will rider your self storage as an extension of your home.