

# Storage Tips from Sauk Trail Storage

- Plan your storage space. Place those items that you need to get to often in the front. Allow for walkways.
- Completely fill each box with your heaviest items on the bottom and lighter items on top.
- Try to keep your boxes in uniform sizes. They are much easier to stack that way.
- ***Drain all gas and oil from engines in lawnmowers, tillers, etc.***
- Label ALL boxes for easy identification.
- Leave a small space between the wall and your storage items to allow for ventilation.
- Pack your boxes and other items as close together as possible to avoid moisture accumulating between them.
- Use a HIGH QUALITY lock, preferably a "disc lock", for your unit. They are much harder to break or cut keeping your valuables as safe as possible.
- Make up an inventory of your stored items and keep it in a safe place at home or in a safe deposit box.
- Use uniform size boxes for easy stacking. BE SURE they're strong enough to hold 25-30 lbs. (It is best not to put too much in each box.)
- List contents of boxes on all four sides, number the boxes, seal with masking tape or glued paper tape.
- Stack lighter boxes on top of heavier boxes.
- Dishes and glasses should be wrapped in packing paper and placed in dish pack boxes. Stack those on top.
- Place your storage items on 2" x 4" boards or Visqueen to guard against dampness. Any concrete floor may become cold and damp.
- CAUTION: It is against the law to store materials that are HAZARDOUS or COMBUSTIBLE such as gasoline, solvents, paint, etc. Drain out all remaining gasoline from lawn mowers, power tools, boats, snowmobiles, etc.
- Pictures and mirrors should be wrapped in mirror crates marked "FRAGILE" and stacked on end.
- Furniture with drawers can be utilized as storage places for knickknacks, china, silverware and small items. Wrap in tablecloths, towels or blankets to prevent breakage.
- Larger appliances make excellent "packing cases" for blankets, towels, tablecloths and clothes.
- Shovels, hoes, rakes and hoses can be stored together in empty trash cans. Stack extra cans inside one another.
- Tables with removable legs should be "broken down" to save space.
- Sofas and loveseats can be stored on end to save floor space. Always place a protective waterproof cover under the end on the floor. Cushions should be wrapped in plastic and placed on top.
- Cover stuffed furniture with dust cover to protect against dust.
- If you stand mattresses on end, be sure to "prop" them up to stand straight or they may bend out of shape and become lumpy.

## About your Locks!!!

Think about it!! You need a lock for your unit and you run down to the local hardware store and pick one up. Did you know that the manufacturers of these locks only have between 40 and 50 locking codes! The third one back on the shelf may have the **same exact key!**

By purchasing a lock from us there is a lot better chance of security for your unit. Let us explain. The locks that self storage facilities market are exclusively manufactured for the self storage industry. They are manufactured with 1000's of different codes thus decreasing the chances of an exact duplicate. Why would you sacrifice the security of your valued goods with an "off the shelf" lock. We here at Sauk Trail Storage recommend the industry standard "Disc Lock" The shackle fits tightly around the latch so it is almost impossible to cut! We offer many types of locks and we are competitively priced with the local hardware stores and chains.