

Packing Tips

In order to help make your storage process as easy as possible, we have developed the following guidelines. Please keep these tips and pointers in mind while packing.



Helpful hints when packing your PortaBox Storage container:

- Attempt to distribute the weight evenly in the container -- do not place all heavy items on one side.
- Protect items with cloth or paper pads.
- Place heavy items on the bottom and stack light items on top.
- Use ropes or straps to secure your goods and prevent damage.
- Pack all items as tight as possible to prevent shifting and damage. A good rule is to pack the container to sustain a 3-foot drop.
- PortaBox Storage containers are made of wood so beware of splinters.
- When container doors are open, secure them to avoid unexpected closures.
- Secure the container when unattended with a quality padlock.
- Fill boxes completely -- this reduces shifting and helps prevent the box from crushing.
- To make items you access frequently easy to find store them near the front of your container.
- Make an inventory list of what items are in your PortaBox Storage container.
- Mark boxes with a list of its contents. This will make items easier to find

Do NOT do the following with your PortaBox Storage container:

- Do not let children play in, on, or around the container.
- Do not place flammable or hazardous materials inside or near the container.
- Do not remove the weatherproof cover from the container
- Do not load more than 2,000 lbs. in one PortaBox Storage container

Do NOT pack the following items:



Aerosol cans, alcoholic beverages, synthetic clothing, combustible metal products, plastic upholstered furniture, wood or metal furniture with plastic covering and/or padding, glycol, linoleum products, oil-based paints, pharmaceuticals, foamed-back rugs, asphalt shingles, synthetic thread, or yarn, flammable solids, lacquers, lubricating or hydraulic fluid, foamed rubber or foamed

plastic, mattresses or pillows, rolled paper, rubber tires, vegetable oil and butter in plastic containers, or any other substance or material whose storage or use is regulated or prohibited by federal, state or local law, regulation, rule or ordinance.

Additional PortaBox Storage Tips:

Furniture

- Disassemble if possible -- it takes less space.
- Cover with cloth or paper pad to protect from damage
- Most couches can be stood on end to make the best use of space -- use pads to protect armrests.
- Place mattresses and box springs in a protective bag

Bicycles and Toys

- Clean and lightly wipe with oil for added rust protection.
- Cover with cloth or paper pads to protect the items and prevent staining others.

Books and Papers

Pack heavier items, such as books and paper files, in smaller boxes. Weight quickly adds up and can make boxes difficult to move.

Large Appliances

- Clean appliances thoroughly before storing
- Keep refrigerator and freezer doors slightly ajar to prevent mildew.
- Tape down all moving parts.
- Store light items inside appliances with proper padding.

Clothing

Wardrobe boxes are best for storing clothing. Shoes and folded items can be placed in the bottom, and use hangers on the bar provided.

Mirrors and Pictures

Wrap mirrors and pictures with paper and pack in a mirror pack box. Do not lay mirror packs flat.