



Loading Tips

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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.
- Some of 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 later

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 on the 5x8's containers and do not load more than 5,000 lbs on 8x10 – 8x19's. in one PortaBox Storage container.

Non Allowable Items

Before you start packing your PortaBox Storage container, it is important to understand which items cannot be stored or moved because they represent a hazard. Below is a list of some of the most common Non Allowable Items.

Do NOT pack the following Non Allowable items:

Aerosol cans, Asphalt shingles, automobile oils, car batteries, charcoal & charcoal lighter liquid, chemistry sets, cleaning solvents (all), combustible materials, cooking oils, flammable solids, fire extinguisher, fireworks, fertilizer, food of any kind (no food storage), gasoline, glycol, kerosene, lamps & candle oils, liquid bleach, lighters, lacquers, matches, nail polish & remover, oil-based paints, paints, paint thinners, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, pool chemicals, propane tanks, rubber tires, paper rolls. Any other substance or material prohibited by Federal, State & Local regulation & laws, or any other substance or material whose storage or use is regulated or prohibited by federal, state or local law, regulation, rule or ordinance.

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. Sofa and chair covers are highly recommended for upholstered furniture.
- 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.

Breakables

- Use a dish-pack or glassware-pack box for greater protection.
- Wrap each item separately with foam wrap or paper sheets.
- Stack dishes on their side and glasses upright.
- To avoid articles below from crushing, place heavier items on the bottom of your PortaBox Storage container.
- Fill all open space in your packing boxes with paper. This ensures a tight fit and keeps items from shifting.

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. Taping an “X” across large mirrors and paintings with glass helps prevent breaking.