



College Student Summer Storage Guide

**Pack It Right, Store It Safe –
Your Summer Storage Survival
Guide**



How to Pack, Protect, and Store Your Stuff Like a Pro

1. Decide What You'll Store

- Sort before you store — donate, sell, or toss what you don't need next semester.
- Store only what's worth keeping (seasonal clothes, bedding, small appliances, books, sports gear).
- Avoid storing food, liquids, or anything that will melt, leak, or attract pests.

2. Pick the Right Storage Option

On-Campus Storage

- Some schools offer summer storage in residence halls or campus facilities.
- Ask about size limits, costs, and access dates.



Off-Campus Self-Storage

- Look for climate-controlled units if storing electronics, instruments, or anything delicate.
- Check for student discounts and month-to-month contracts.

Full-Service Storage Companies

- They pick up your packed items, store them, and return them when school starts.
- Great if you don't have a car or time to haul boxes.

3. Packing Like a Storage Expert

Boxes & Containers

- Use sturdy cardboard boxes or clear plastic bins with secure lids.
- Label each box clearly with your name, phone, and contents.



Protect Your Stuff

- Wrap fragile items in bubble wrap, towels, or clothes for padding.
- Use mattress covers to protect against dust and pests.
- Empty and clean appliances before storing.

Clothing

- Wash everything first — dirty clothes can attract insects.
- Use vacuum-seal bags to save space.
- Store in breathable fabric bags if climate control is not available.

4. Smart Storage Tips

- Keep essentials separate — anything you'll need immediately in the fall should be in an "open first" box.
- Place heavier boxes on the bottom, lighter on top.



- Leave a small aisle for access if using a storage unit.
- Keep electronics and valuables with you if possible.

5. What Not to Store

- Food or perishable items
- Liquids or cleaning chemicals
- Flammable or hazardous materials
- Items of extremely high sentimental or monetary value
- Plants or living

6. Safety & Insurance

- Take photos of items for reference.
- Ask your storage provider about insurance or check your renter's/homeowner's coverage.
- Lock your storage unit with a high-quality lock.



Summer Storage Quick Checklist

- Boxes packed, labeled, and sealed
- Items cleaned before storage
- Lock secured and insurance confirmed
- Photos taken of stored items
- "Open First" box set aside

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