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Tips For Renting Storage Space

1. **Does it have 24 hour access?** - If you think you may need to get your hands on an item either at night or on a Sunday, make sure you choose a storage unit with 24 hour access.
2. **Location** - You should choose a storage unit mid-way between your origin and your destination to minimize moving time. Alternatively, if you are storing items for an extended period, you may want to choose a storage unit out of the city as these are usually cheaper.
3. **Security, Pest, and Water Control** - Check to see what steps are in place to ensure your items are safe from theft rats and water damage.
4. **Size** - Have a look at your storage unit before the move to ensure it will be big enough. Try to find a storage company that has many options available so you can change units at the last minute if necessary. Often you will have more stuff than you think. If you are unsure about which size storage is best for you please call us for advice.
5. **Access** - If you will be accessing the storage unit regularly you should choose a storage unit large enough to rummage around in without the risk of being crushed by stacked furniture. Have the movers load items you might need access to into the storage unit last.
6. **Lifts, Truck Access** - Will you be on the top or bottom floor? Are there lifts? How far away will the removal truck have to park? All these factors will increase the cost of your move.
7. **Padlock** - Does the storage company provide a padlock or will you need to buy one? Purchasing locks directly from the storage company can be expensive.
8. **Materials** - Bring along cardboard and blankets to place on the floor and between pieces of furniture.
9. **Pay your fees on time** - Make sure you pay for your storage unit in advance and keep up with additional payments. Failure to pay may result in your goods being seized and sold off.
10. **Insurance** - You may wish to insure your goods in case of theft or damage.
11. **Climate Control** - particularly important if you're looking to store upholstered items, business goods or archive documents, as a few months in a damp self-storage environment will do untold damage.



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12. **Wedge open the doors** - of all kitchen appliances whilst in the facility, to avoid bad odours and mildew building up.

HomeMove Urban Removalists are affiliated with many storage centres all over Melbourne, for advice or recommendations feel free to call us on – 1300 88 90 78.

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