

## **STORAGE TIPS**

- ✓ Once moved into room, use the inside of wardrobes and drawers for storing smaller or fragile items.
- ✓ If you cannot remove legs from tables, wrap the top in blankets and store top down with legs pointing up. If you do not have stacking chairs store them "seat to seat"
- ✓ Hang clothes in wardrobe boxes to help them keep their shape.
- ✓ Label or number boxes keeping an inventory of your items for easy reference.
- ✓ Garden equipment should be cleaned and dry wipe metal surfaces with WD40 or similar, and drain petrol and diesel from machinery, before storing.
- ✓ Individually wrap crockery, glasses and fragile items in packing paper or bubble wrap before storing. Wrap pictures and mirrors individually in bubble wrap, mark them as fragile and stack on end.
- ✓ Thoroughly drain freezers, refrigerators and washing machines before storing. Failure to do so can lead to condensation in your unit. Clean the inside surfaces of the refrigerator with a bicarbonate of soda and water solution. Make sure you store these items with the door wedged open.
- ✓ Wherever practical, large items should be disassembled e.g. remove legs from dining tables and beds.
- ✓ Store bulky or heavy items first, stand sofas and mattresses on end, leaving an air gap between items, and do not stack or lean anything against walls.
- ✓ If you are likely to want access to some items store these near the door where they can be easily reached. Alternatively leave a small access aisle.
- ✓ Before you start moving, plan how you will move items into your room. If you will be delivering in multiple runs, remember large or heavy items should be placed on the floor…so deliver these first.
- ✓ Remember that you don't need to move everything at once! You may want to take a smaller room to start de-cluttering the house of things you don't need now. It will make moving a lot less stressful when you come to do the major move and identify things you don't need early.
- ✓ Take a little time to plan how you wish to store your goods...it is well worth it in the longer term and will maximise the use of space within your room.

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