

The Quick Guide to Self Storage Options

When you rent a self storage unit for the first time, the number of options can be staggering. You have probably already worked out the most basic question, how large a unit you will need. But what about the other options? Read this FAQ to help explain and narrow down your choices.

Do you have temperature sensitive belongings that should be in a climate controlled self storage unit?

Some items, like paper, art, some kinds of plastics, and antiques are temperature sensitive and should be stored in a climate controlled unit. Other items, like glassware, are sturdier and can brave temperature fluctuations. If the collection of items you want to store contains a few temperature sensitive items, all your belongings should go into a climate controlled unit unless you have enough to fill two whole units and are willing to rent two different kinds of units.

Do you want the storage company to move your items to and from the warehouse, or will you take your items to the self storage unit yourself?

Some companies will deliver moving storage containers, or pods, to your home. When you have filled the container, you call or email the company, and a truck comes to take the container to the storage facility. When you want it back, you call or email the company and arrange for delivery. The service is slightly more expensive than carting your things to the storehouse yourself, but the convenience is incomparable.

Will you want to get at your belongings often? During which hours?

Some self storage facilities give you almost unlimited access to your storage unit. Others are open only during certain hours. You may need to call a day or two in advance if you have a moving storage container instead of a room, since the company will need to fetch the container and place it where you can access it. Make a realistic appraisal of how frequently you will need to get to your stored belongings, and choose a self storage facility whose hours and policies are convenient for you.

Will you pay any charges other than the monthly rate?

Some self storage companies levy a fee for accessing your unit. Others require you to buy insurance separately instead of rolling the cost into the monthly price. There are a host of possible fees and small extra charges that can be tacked onto your bill. Before you sign a contract, read the fine print closely to determine whether there are any extra fees, and decide whether they are reasonable and you are willing to pay them. See here also

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