

Packing Tips for Moving Storage Containers

Moving storage is one of the easiest and most convenient ways to move or store your belongings. However, packing [moving storage](#) isn't the same as packing a moving van. If you have never packed a storage container before, read these tips before you start packing.

In a moving van, all the heaviest items should be at the front of the van, packed against the cab, to make the van easier and safer to drive and to make it less likely that heavy items will fall on lighter items. Moving storage, on the other hand, does not have a "forward" or a "backward." Instead, it is intended to be shifted, lifted, turned, and stacked, so any moving container could be anywhere in the van or storage room. Focus on making the moving storage unit itself well balanced by evenly distributing the weight of your belongings across the floor of the container. Putting lighter items on the top and heavier items on the floor will add to the container's stability.

Fill the container completely, packing padding into even the tiniest spaces. A little room to shake can add up to big damage. Use packing peanuts in boxes, but do not pour them loose into the container unless you have enough to fill the container. Otherwise, they will just settle to the bottom and leave your belongings unprotected. Solid padding materials like bubble wrap, moving blankets, and even your towels and pillows are better. Each time you think you have fully packed the storage pod, try to move the boxes. If they shift at all, work in more padding.

Larger moving storage containers are often provided with eyehooks to allow you to rope your possessions down instead. Divide the container into sections, using the arrangement of eyehooks in the container as a guide, and fill each section completely. Lash it down, then fill the next section. Use as much rope as you need, and do not worry about using too much. Also practice knots beforehand so you are certain that your knots will not slip.

Otherwise, you could crack the container open at the end of the journey to discover that the ropes worked loose and all your things are in a jumble.

When you start packing your moving storage container, remember to put the heaviest items on the bottom, not at the front. Pad everything until nothing can move, or lash everything down with rope. If you follow these guidelines, your belongings will arrive at their destination undamaged. Enjoy the convenience of using moving storage! Citation [Storage pods](#) | [Self-service moving](#) |

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