

Need Storage? Your Options Include Self Storage and Movers Storage



Here's How They Differ.

It's common during the moving process for people to need short-term or long-term storage for some, or all, of your possessions. There are two main types of storage services available to you. Here's a rundown of the characteristics of each.

SELF-STORAGE MEANS SELF-SERVICE

With self-storage, you sign a lease agreement with a storage facility, secure a unit with your own lock and key, and pay the storage facility a monthly rent. Self-storage is self-service—**you move everything in and out yourself.**

Pricing depends on the size of your unit and chosen amenities, such as climate control and drive-up access. Although the units are secure, they are not contained. **Items moved into self-storage facilities aren't monitored,** so the adjacent units may contain hazardous materials or may be infested with pests. Exterior units can encounter problems during cold winter months.

While these are concerns when it comes to self-storage, the biggest benefit is the **ease of access to your possessions.**

MOVING COMPANY STORAGE FOR SHORT OR LONG-TERM SAFE-KEEPING

Moving companies take a **detailed inventory** of your items and their condition. All goods are **blanket-wrapped and placed in wooden vaults** that are completely sealed. All movement into and out of a mover's storage facility is managed and monitored. For added peace of mind, **full-value insurance coverage** can be purchased to properly insure the goods you are placing in storage.

The only draw-back to using a mover's storage facility is limited access to your belongings. You need to schedule an appointment during regular business hours, and fees will apply. Generally, however, customers who choose moving company storage plan on having their items **stored for a longer period of time** and have little or no need for personal access.

