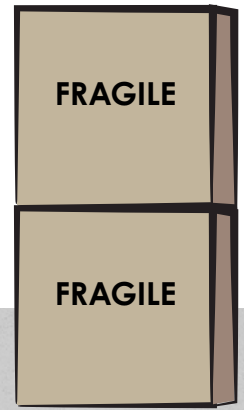


# 5 Self-Storage Best Practices For Fragile Items



These 5 tips can help keep your fragile items in top-notch condition as you prepare to move them into your self-storage area.

## 1. Use the right containers and boxes.

As you prepare for packing, don't make the mistake of getting the biggest boxes you can find. Packing large boxes with heavy items could make the box difficult to move or awkward to carry, which increases the risk of dropping and breaking the items inside. Use smaller boxes and pack less to keep the weight evenly distributed. Or, consider using plastic bins with handles, which are less prone to breaking or being dropped and are generally easier to stack.

## 2. Choose the right packaging material.

Packing glassware or other breakables in bubble wrap is a must. Bubble wrap or foam peanuts are some of the best ways to cushion fragile items. Other heavy grades of paper such as newspaper can be crumpled into a box or wrapped around the objects to provide extra padding.

## 3. Don't take any shortcuts.

Packing is a big job, but no matter how tired you're feeling, spend a little bit of extra time wrapping your valuable things. The extra time spent is well worth it because you'll be confident knowing you've made things as secure as possible.

## 4. Don't over-stack boxes.

If stacking boxes, be sure to place bulky, heavy items on the bottom and lighter boxes on the top. Be careful not to over-stack the boxes, as the weight can cause unnecessary pressure or damage to the box and the items inside.

## 5. Label all containers.

Your marker will become your new friend during the packing process, so be sure to put it to good use and label the outside of the box with "FRAGILE" on at least two sides and the top.

**Our team at Bargain Storage is committed to helping your transition go smoothly. Keeping these packing tips in mind will help you keep fragile and important items well-secured.**



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