



STORAGE CITY

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Keeping Your Storage Dry

A short guide for Storage City customers — please read before loading your unit.

Storage City containers are insulated, ventilated, and weatherproof — but Ireland's damp climate means the way you pack and look after your unit makes the biggest difference between contents that come out fresh and contents that come out damp. This guide explains the simple steps that will keep your belongings in great condition.

WHY DAMP CAN HAPPEN, EVEN IN A DRY CONTAINER

Damp inside a storage container almost always comes from one of three sources:

- Moisture in the items you store. A single damp jacket, a fresh roll of carpet, or wet garden furniture releases liters of water vapor into a sealed unit.
- Warm, humid air entering the unit. When you open the door on a wet day, that air comes in too. As the unit cools overnight, water condenses out onto cold surfaces.
- Blocked airflow. If your boxes block the vents or sit flat against the floor and walls, damp air gets trapped and cannot escape.

All three are easy to manage — see the rules below.

THE STORAGE CITY RULES — DO THIS, NOT THAT

Follow these and your contents will stay dry. Skip them and you risk mold, mildew, rust or musty smells.

DO	DON'T
Make sure every item is bone-dry before storing.	Store damp clothing, wet tools, fresh-cut timber, or recently-washed items.
Use pallets, shelving or timber battens to keep contents at least 100 mm off the floor.	Stack boxes directly against the side or back walls — leave a 50 mm air gap.
Cover soft furnishings with breathable dust sheets or cotton covers.	Wrap mattresses, sofas or upholstery in airtight plastic — it traps moisture against the item.
Keep the air vents at the top and bottom of your unit clear at all times.	Block the vents with stacked boxes, furniture or sheeting.
Place a Storage City moisture absorber (Absorpole or similar) in the unit and replace it when the reservoir is full.	Rely on small silica-gel sachets alone — they are not enough for a 20 ft container.
Pack books, documents and electronics into plastic lidded boxes with a desiccant sachet inside each box.	Store cardboard boxes directly on the floor — they wick up any condensation.
Inspect your unit at least every 4–8 weeks, especially during winter.	Leave items unchecked for months at a time — early detection prevents damage.
Tell us straight away if you see water ingress, a damaged vent, or roof drip marks.	Try to repair, modify or drill the container yourself.

MOISTURE ABSORBERS — RECOMMENDED FOR EVERY UNIT

Storage City supplies hanging moisture absorbers (calcium-chloride poles) at the office. One pole holds up to 2 liters of water and lasts roughly 2–3 months in winter and 3–4 months in summer. We recommend two poles per 20 ft unit, hung from the ceiling near each end. Replacements are available at reception.

If you store documents, electronics, leather, photographs, instruments or fabrics, we strongly suggest also placing a few small silica-gel sachets inside each plastic storage box.

ITEMS THAT NEED EXTRA CARE

These items are the most likely to be damaged by damp. Pack them with extra protection:

- Documents, books, photographs — sealed plastic boxes with silica-gel sachets.
- Electronics, tools, anything metal — wipe with light oil; keep off the floor; sealed boxes preferred.
- Leather goods, suits, wool — breathable cotton covers; never airtight plastic.
- Mattresses and upholstery — stand on edge; cover with breathable sheets only.
- Musical instruments and artwork — case them; consider asking us about a humidity-controlled unit.
- Fresh or unseasoned timber — let it dry fully before storing; ideally not at all.

MOVE-IN DAY CHECKLIST

- All items clean, dry and free of mold.
- Pallets or shelving in place to lift contents off the floor.
- Top and bottom vents inside the unit are clear and visible.
- Two moisture-absorber poles hung from the ceiling.
- High-risk items boxed with silica gel.
- Walk-around photos taken on your phone for your own record.

WHAT WE DO — AND WHAT IS UP TO YOU

Storage City inspects every unit between tenancies, keeps the roofs and seals in good repair, maintains permanent passive ventilation, and clears the vents on a quarterly schedule. We monitor humidity at sample units across our sites.

Day-to-day care of the contents inside your unit is your responsibility. Goods are stored at your own risk and we strongly recommend you take out contents insurance — Storage City is not a bailee of your property. Full terms are set out in your rental agreement.

SPOTTED A PROBLEM? TELL US EARLY.

If you ever see water marks on the ceiling, a damaged vent, a door seal that won't close, or any sign of damp inside the unit, please contact us immediately. Call the office on 051 333909. Small issues are quick to fix; ignored issues turn into damaged contents.