

How to Store Leather Furniture in a Storage Unit – With M60 Self Storage

Furniture is one of the most commonly stored items in storage units. Leather furniture, like couches, sofas, or chairs, needs to be protected and stored properly to retain its comfort and value. You don't want to come back to your self-storage unit a year later to see the surface of your favourite Sofa ripped and cracked. So, how do you store leather furniture in a storage unit to preserve the leather and not damage it? Our guide below outlines some simple steps to help safely store your leather furnishings.



Clean all surfaces of your leather furniture

Start by vacuuming all the nooks and crannies of your furniture, especially if it's a leather Sofa. Any foreign debris can cause problems down the road, from smells and mould to scratches and other damage. After vacuuming, clean the leather surfaces carefully with leather wipes, or alternatively use a 50/50 mix of vinegar and water using a soft cloth. You don't want to soak your sofa—make sure to apply a small amount of the solution to your cloth so it is damp. After cleaning, leave the item of furniture to rest for a day or two in a well-ventilated area to fully dry. At this point, it is best to clean the wooden legs of your sofas or chairs as well.

Condition the leather surfaces

After cleaning the leather and allowing it to dry, condition the leather surfaces of your furniture to prevent it from drying out or cracking. You can purchase a leather conditioner online, in-store, or make your own homemade leather conditioner with beeswax. Most leather conditioners use some type of oil or wax to safely hydrate and reinvigorate the surface, which will leave your sofa soft and ready to be stored.

Cover your furniture right before storing it

After moving your furniture inside your storage unit, you need to cover it. This is best done right outside your storage unit or inside it, not beforehand. Do not wrap your furniture in plastic—

leather needs to breathe! Even if you made sure your sofa was dry, wrapping it in plastic could trap moisture and encourage mildew. Instead, wrap your furniture with furniture blankets, cotton blankets, or furniture pads to ensure the leather surface stays ventilated and is protected from scratches and scrapes while it's being moved and dust accumulation while in storage.

Putting your leather furniture in a storage unit

When you are ready to put your furniture in your storage unit, make sure the floor is clean of all debris, and put down a covering of plastic on the floor. If you are renting a smaller unit to store your leather sofa, leave at least an inch of room between the couch and the wall to ensure there is proper airflow. To prevent divots or impressions on the leather, do not place anything heavy on top of the cushions while it's in storage. You may be able to place soft and lightweight items that don't press down into the leather on top of the cushions.

Regularly check your stored items

Remember, Longer-term storage will require more thorough preparation to keep furniture in good condition over an extended period. When storing furniture for long term, make sure that you regularly check your stored items, especially any leather items, to ensure they remain in good condition and that any problems are addressed before lasting damage is caused.

Preventing furniture damage in storage units requires a proactive approach, from using the right cleaning materials to ensuring proper packing, correct coverings and regular inspections. If damage or mould starts to appear then swift action can help save your belongings and prevent further damage. At M60 Self Storage, we provide clean, dry, secure, and well-maintained storage units to help keep your possessions in top condition. Contact us today if you need a great storage unit that represents good value for money.