



Storage, Ventilation and the Elements

If you have never stored your goods in a shipping container before and have concerns about your items, please take the time to read this document and be rest assured that your items will be completely safe and secure. They will have adequate ventilation and will not be subject to the changing seasons of Melbourne and all of our containers are dust proof, waterproof and vermin proof.

1. Here at Sunshine Self Storage most containers are stored side by side and that brings a higher level insulation to each individual container and protects and insulates at least 2 to 3 sides of the container. There is also 4 to 5m tall cement walls on either side of the property from neighbouring industrial businesses that offers shade as well.



2. The storage facility is east west facing so majority of the containers only get sun directly on the roof for a couple of hours in the middle of the day.

3. Each container is just under 2.4m in height which is the standard roof height in a home. If you have heat sensitive items like antique furniture, store them ground level in the middle of the container to offer the best insulation.



4. We advise to leave a small space between the wall and your items to allow for ventilation. Also avoid stacking cartons all the way to the roof, please leave small space for ventilation and choose the lighter boxes to go on top.

5. 90% of the goods in your home have been in a shipping container at some point of their life for up to 3 months, so how you store the goods will determine long term storage success.

6. For large electrical items, please refer to the manufacturers instruction manuals and store using the manufactures packaging or something similar like moving blankets.

7. For long storage, periodic checks on Item e.g. cars is recommended. For more storage tips - **please go to our website.**

8. Did you know that the average empty shipping container weighs around 2300kg? The walls are thick, strong and resistant from the elements, a lot more than your standard garden shed, that's for sure!

9. Every container has watertight rubber seals around every entry point. Remember these container are built to be at sea for months at a time so they are air tight, water proof, dust proof and vermin proof.

We have been managing shipping container storage for over 12 years and we are confident that your valuables will be safely and securely stored with us.