

## Summer Storage for 2007 Tip Sheet

*With summer fast approaching, now is the time to think about where to store your “stuff” when you leave for summer break. We surveyed students at ND and parents for suggestions on storage units and, what, when, and how to pack. Here’s the scoop!*

### **Most Preferred Storage Unit Facility:**

#### Master Mini-Warehouse

Niles Michigan 49120

269-683-1959

State Line Road and IN 933, a few miles North of campus

Open 7 days a week from 6:30 am to 8:30 pm

Unit sizes and prices for Master Mini for Summer 2007- May 1-August 31:

4x4x8 - \$90 + \$25 Cleaning Deposit = \$115

4x8x8 - \$125 + \$25 Cleaning Deposit = \$150 (fits about 4 girls)

5x10x10 - \$155 + \$25 Cleaning Deposit = \$180 (fits about 5 girls)

8x10x10 - \$195 + \$25 Cleaning Deposit = \$220 (fits about 5 guys or 6 girls and more furniture)

10x20x12 - \$275 + \$25 Cleaning Deposit = \$300

Heavy duty key lock - \$15

*No credit cards accepted, cash or checks only!*

\$25 deposit holds a unit though size not guaranteed

Pay in full to be guaranteed preferred storage unit size

Cleaning deposits are refunded if left broom clean

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### **Where Not To Go For Storage:**

Beware of areas west of South Bend and near the airport due to safety concerns!

### **Other Storage Facilities:**

Do a Google search for other storage unit locations or ask upper classman

### **Packaging Tips:**

- Store as much as possible, don’t try to take a lot back home with you, it will be expensive and more work for you. **Example of what to leave:** Winter clothes, furniture, books, carpet, toiletries, kitchen items, etc.
- Do not store things that may melt such as candles, CD’s, DVD’s, etc....

- Use garbage bags to cover anything that might be negatively affected by humidity...it gets swampy during the summer, especially in hot storage units.
- Label everything clearly with your name on it and what's inside.
- Place "stuff" in the unit according to who comes back to campus first. **Example:** the first person back has their "stuff" placed in the front of the unit.  
**IMPORTANT:** Locks usually have two keys, try to get more keys made so everyone in the same storage unit gets their own key, however, if this is not possible make sure the person back to campus first (an athlete comes back before the rest of the student body) holds one of the keys.
- Take as much as you can to the storage unit before Study Days.
- Stack vertically to maximize space and reduce the danger of water damage.
- If you don't have a car on campus make friends with someone who does ...you'll need a ride to the storage unit. DUH!
- Plan accordingly with those in your dorm to share toiletries then store the rest.

#### **Suggested Supply List: Share and split cost**

- Duct tape or packaging tape
- Scissors (if needed to cut tape)
- Boxes, assorted sizes (ones with handles are cool)
- Heavy-duty plastic construction bags (found at Lowe's and Home Depot)
- Plastic trash bags (found at the grocery store)
- Plastic painters drop cloths (to wrap furniture, carpet, etc)
- Permanent marker (to label your stuff)
- Key lock (safer and more reliable)

#### **Dorm Help:**

- Some dorms rent a large storage truck which is packed then parked for the summer. Timing varies per dorm, typical to load before study days and unloaded after orientation weekend. Check with your dorm for availability and pricing.
- Each dorm will have a donation bin, donate what you don't need or want. Items are sold at a stadium garage sale to benefit local charities.
- Check with your dorm to see rules for taking down lofted beds.
- Take care of any problems early, don't wait for inspection.
- Girls - get the guys to help with heavy items such as rolling up carpet, and/or carrying futons....make them cookies for their help.
- Guys - Get in the gym and build up your muscles so you can help the girls move

out of their dorms...get their phone numbers, expect cookies.

**Safety:**

- Carry your cell phone with you when moving into the storage unit. They may not work with all the steel around but it's worth the effort.
- Lock your car when you're in the unit.
- At all times take a friend with to the unit.
- Don't be at the unit when it's dark.
- Prevent back injury by lifting heavy items with bent knees.

**Final Thoughts:**

- Rent with friends. It will be easiest if you're all in the same dorm.
- Rent early. After spring break is suggested.
- You may have to rough it the last few nights sleeping without sheets and pillows if you want these items clean and in the storage unit.
- Decide with those you're sharing a unit with if you want to make a last run to the unit the day everyone goes home.
- Check possibility of storing items with professors or friends that live near by.
- Sell unwanted books back to the bookstore or to other students.
- Get phone # and e-mails of any friends/professors for summer communication.
- Good luck with finals and packing, and keep in mind there is hope; you will see the Colorado sun and mountains all summer!