

Storage Preparation Checklist

Having an off-road vehicle opens up many possibilities for fun outdoor activities. Recreational vehicles (RVs) and campers can provide all the amenities of home while you vacation near a mountain range, desert or national park. Boats allow you to enjoy time to yourself on a tranquil lake, and golf carts can get you zipping around from point A to point B. However, there will come a time when you won't be driving your off-road vehicle and will need to keep it somewhere that is secure and well protected. When this time comes, you should consider using a storage unit.

Make sure you have all the important paperwork

Before you do any transporting, take a minute to make sure that the vehicle's insurance card, title and license are all up to date.

Vehicle storage does have a few requirements:

- ___ Vehicles must be in running condition or loaded on a trailer.
- ___ You will be asked to show registration and/or title.
- ___ Depending on the state, vehicle storage tax will vary.

What to consider before renting a storage unit

- ___ What size unit best fits your storage needs?

You don't want to lease a unit, bring in your vehicle(s) and discover that the space does not accommodate the vehicle(s). Plan ahead and determine the amount of space that will comfortably store your items.
- ___ What kind of amenities should you choose?

Finding a rental that's available 24 hours a day, seven days a week is not necessarily a

priority. However, if you think you will need to regularly bring out the vehicle for potential buyers to test drive it, or may need to install equipment and electronics while your off-road vehicle is in storage, finding a unit that has drive-up access should be a priority. If you live in colder weather, try to find an outdoor storage facility that has the option of being covered. Since you might be working on your vehicle, also consider leasing a space that has electricity and easy access to disposal services.

- ___ What is within your budget?

Look at your finances and determine which rental space makes the most economic sense.
- ___ Can you find a storage unit that is conveniently located near your home?

Finding one nearby saves you travel time and gas money.

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