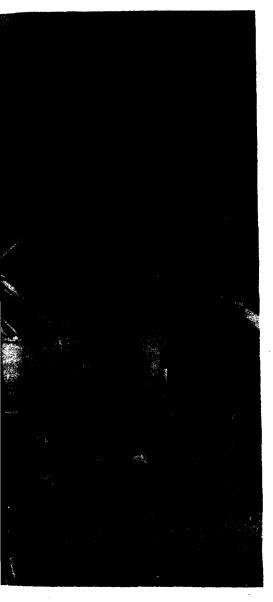


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While moving is seldom a barrel of fun, these steps and the knowledge that you are saving a fistful of money—roughly 20 to 50 percent under what a commercial mover would charge youshould make it worth the time and effort.

CONSIDER STORING

If you don't relish the prospect of moving your belongings back to your home for the summer, only to move back to school again next fall, consider using self-storage.

Of the services surveyed, none offered students discounts, but the longer the period you contract for rental, the chance for general discounts increase.

Insuring your property is your own responsibility, but many of the storage services provide applications for companies who provide this kind of coverage.

No animals, illegal materials, explosive or flammable materials are permitted in these rental facilities.

"Your property is safely stored in cement block and steel units," explains Rose Kellagher, office manager for Stor-Mor in Highspire. "Only our clients have access to their rented units since our employees don't have duplicate keys. So there's little chance someone can get into your unit."

Kellagher points out that any client of Stor-Mor must provide their own locks and insurance for their stored items.

Most storage establishments require a month's rent when you make the contract.

"If you come in the middle of a month, we'll pro-rate the rental fee depending on the number of days remaining in the month," added Kellagher.

Stor-Mor rents spaces of different sizes from 4'x4' for \$17.00, up to \$89.00 per month for a 10'x30' unit.

"All our units are rented on a monthly basis. We require ten days notice prior to your renewal date to terminate a contract. Otherwise, it automatically renews itself," Kellagher said.

Sandy Laird, office manager at Bilsher Self-Storage, says her

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business has an emergency phone number for her customers if they lose their keys.

"Our staff has no access to our units, but if you have a situation where you must get into your space, we will come to break your lock even if regular business hours are over. But we are open seven days a week (Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) so than likely we would already be here to help you."

Bilsher rents 5'x5' units at 15.00, 5'x10' units are 26.00 while a 10'x10' facility rents for 46.00 per month.

"Besides the month's rental fee, we require a deposit (equal to rental fee) as well. This charge is refunded when your lease is terminated," said Laird.

Hershey Mini-Storage provides its customers with locks.

Reese's business will rent monthly or over a longer period. For a 5'x10' unit, the fee is \$25.00. The largest facility they have, 10'x20', can be compared to a one-car garage, and rents for \$60.00 monthly.

"These large units have a 3'x7" steel door. All our units have lights and are protected by a burgler alarm system between 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. daily," Reese added.

If all these rates seem out of your reach, you may want to use your ingenuity.

Obviously Capitol's instructors, employees and even commuter students have homes and garages in this area. Ask around or post a note requesting rental space and stating whatever price you are willing to pay (now that you know what the commercial rates are, offer about half as much).

A little effort now may save you from the long haul.



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