

## Securing furniture and appliances

If you have any old toasters, kettles and so on, say that you'll give them to a charity shop but instead give them to a friend to store for you safely.

Even simple things like crockery and cutlery are worth trying to keep; if you have a large range of plates and cutlery, try to put away one plate, bowl, knife, spoon, fork and small saucepan. Again, either give them to a friend to mind or put them somewhere safe.

Any old clothes, bedding or towels that would otherwise be thrown out are ones you can store away without being noticed. Alternatively, rotate the items in your wardrobe so that you are wearing clothes that you don't plan to keep increasingly often; this way, essential clothes you want to keep can be pushed to the back and eventually passed out for safekeeping (to a friend, for example) when they are forgotten.

### Where to store things

Not everyone will have a friend that can support them. Not everyone can afford or organise a storage unit from an official national chain (if you can, we generally recommend Safestore over other chains due to its simple 24 hour access).

For most people however, that is not an option and so you can try looking for storage space for rent online. Gumtree can be an option here, as people can sometimes rent out garage space etc. However, you need to be careful here:

- o Do not store anything expensive like phones or computers
- o Make sure you have some kind of written agreement with the person you are renting the space from.
- o Take a picture of your items so that you can prove the condition they were in when they went into storage.
- o Make sure you have access to your items whenever you need.

If you have absolutely no money for this, the final option is to hide or bury small items somewhere public, but remote.