Clutter is a fact of modern life. Whether you are a homeowner or a business owner, the longer you stay in a location the more things you tend to accumulate. When people or businesses relocate, they often find that the things they have are too valuable to give away, and they just do not fit in the new place. Self storage, or mini storage is a nationwide industry that meets this need.  A-AAAKey Mini Storage is a leader in the mini storage industry.

The kind of storage you need depends on what you need to store. Urban storage facilities are often indoor, multi level buildings. Suburban and rural units are single outdoor buildings. Some units are climate controlled. The size of the unit can range from a 5x5 unit to ten by thirty.

It is important to know how much a unit can hold. Most 5x5 units will hold files and office equipment, chairs, small furniture and boxes. The smaller units can store overflow inventory or extra household items. For an apartment, your unit size begins at 10x10 for three rooms of furniture and items. Large units can take the contents of a home or a large moving van.

The cost of a storage unit may seem off putting until you consider the alternatives. You may be able to sell the items. Some people make a living sorting through storage auctions for valuables. You could give items away or throw them away. Recycling old items has become popular. The cost of expanding a business or home is greater than simply storing these items.

If you choose to store your items, you will need packing supplies. You should store things in a way that will protect valuable items from damage. For example, your classic book selection may not fare well on the floor of an outdoor storage unit in a cardboard box. Always pack glass items so they will not break. Some wood veneer may not do well in a moist climate. Important papers should not get too moist, either.

Before you pick any storage unit, you should also make sure it is reasonable priced and protected from theft. Security, lighting and on site managers are recommended. Be aware of what is legal to store. Firearms, flammable items, drugs, perishable items all may be illegal and do not make sense in storage.

When you store in a large unit, it helps to create a center aisle. This allows you to have access to most of the inventory. Use pallets skids or boards for boxes. Allow airflow under boxes and flat items. Remove legs from tables if possible to conserve space. Drain oil and gasoline from combustion engines. Wipe metal items with oil to prevent rust. Store brooms and such items in a trash can for better organization. Treat and protect wood. Cover some valuables to prevent damage.

A-AAAKey Mini Storage has dedicated themselves to providing a safe storage solution for your home or business. They have many locations, and can be found on the web at a-aaakey.com. Contact a-aaakey for more information.