

# SEASONAL STORAGE CHECKLIST



How to clean, fold, and store off-season pieces so they come out fresh next year – not yellowed, creased, or moth-bitten. **Check off as you go.**

- ✓ **CLEAN EVERYTHING FIRST**  
Launder or dry clean every piece before storing. Invisible sweat, food, and body oils oxidize into yellow stains – and moths eat them.
- ✓ **LET IT BREATHE**  
Use cotton garment bags or canvas bins. Avoid plastic tubs and dry-cleaning bags long-term – trapped moisture yellows fabric and breeds mildew.
- ✓ **ACID-FREE TISSUE FOR DELICATES**  
Layer tissue between folds of treasured or beaded pieces to cushion creases and stop color transfer.
- ✓ **NATURAL PEST DEFENSE**  
Cedar blocks or lavender sachets beat mothballs. Sand cedar lightly to refresh it. A clean garment is your best repellent.
- ✓ **EMPTY THE POCKETS & FASTEN UP**  
Remove pins and receipts; do up zippers and one button so garments hold their shape on the hanger.
- ✓ **FOLD KNITS, HANG THE REST**  
Sweaters and knits fold flat; hanging stretches them. Coats, suits, and dresses go on wide wooden or padded hangers – never wire.
- ✓ **SKIP VACUUM BAGS FOR NATURALS**  
Wool, silk, down, and leather need air. Compressing them for months crushes fibers and sets permanent creases.
- ✓ **COOL, DARK, AND DRY**  
Store in a closet or under-bed – not the attic, basement, or garage. Heat swings, damp, and sunlight fade and weaken fabric.
- ✓ **LEATHER & SUEDE BREATHE**  
Store loosely in a breathable bag, away from heat. Never seal in plastic – it dries the hide and cracks it.
- ✓ **LABEL AND PEEK**  
Note what's in each bin and check mid-season. Air pieces out for a day before you wear them again.

## BEFORE YOU CLOSE THE BIN

### DOWN & PUFFERS

Fully dry, stored loose. Damp down mildews.

### WEDDING & FORMAL

Clean now, box acid-free. Stains set over months.

### WOOL COATS

Brush, air, padded hanger, breathable bag.

### BOOTS & SHOES

Clean, stuff to hold shape, keep cool & dry.

## The 3 Rules

**CLEAN**  
first

**COOL**  
& dark

**AIR**  
to breathe

Clean before you store, keep it cool and dark, and let everything breathe. Do those three and your wardrobe comes out like new.

**STORE IT RIGHT AND NEXT SEASON FEELS BRAND NEW.**

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