

Wash. Fold. Box. Repeat.

After lugging the air conditioner to the basement and purging your medicine cabinets of five half-empty sunblock bottles, one task usually remains on your end-of-season to-do list: packing away your warm-weather clothes. We asked three professional organizers for tips on how to store your summer sundries with savvy and tenderness. — MEAGHAN AGNEW



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If there's one mistake people make when it comes to storing clothes, what is it? Leaving clothing on a wire hanger covered in plastic. Wire hangers and plastic are strictly for transporting clothes from the dry cleaner.

If you have to put your off-season clothes in the basement (which a lot of people do), how do you keep them safe, dry, and in good condition? To protect against flooding, it is critical that items are not put directly on the floor — there are lots of inexpensive shelving units on the market. Storing clothing in clear plastic containers on these shelving units not only will help to keep them dry and free of water damage, but will also allow for easy access in case you need some warm weather clothes for your winter vacation.

Say you're a clotheshorse living in an apartment or house with tiny New England closets. What should you do to keep your clothes and your sanity intact? First, discard those clothes you are no longer wearing, whether because they are out of style or no longer fit. Also, consider using some of your decorative furniture pieces as a home for clothing. A beautiful trunk at the end of a bed is a great way to store sweaters, or an armoire can be a wonderful place to store hanging clothes and accessories.