■ Self-Storage Fire Safety Checklist – Summer Edition

Use this checklist to help prevent fires and protect your facility during the high-risk summer season.

1. Tenant Communication

- Send summer safety reminders via email or SMS.
- Post signage about fire risk and prohibited items (e.g., batteries, gas, chemicals).
- Highlight fire safety clauses in lease agreements.
- Distribute printed flyers with safe storage tips.

2. Unit Inspections

- Conduct regular inspections of units, especially non-climate-controlled ones.
- Look for lithium batteries, propane tanks, fuel containers, or chemicals.
- Check for signs of unauthorized electrical hookups or tampering.
- Document any violations and notify tenants immediately.

3. Facility Preparation

- Inspect and service all fire extinguishers; make sure they are clearly visible.
- Trim vegetation and clear debris near structures.
- Ensure all emergency exits are accessible and clearly marked.
- Verify emergency vehicle access is unobstructed.

4. Team Training

- Hold a seasonal fire safety training session with all staff.
- Review fire extinguisher use and emergency response procedures.
- Reinforce how to identify hazardous materials during walkthroughs.
- Ensure all team members know who to call and what to do during a fire.

5. Emergency Planning

- Review and update your facility's fire response plan.
- Test alarms, exit lights, and sprinkler systems.
- Display emergency contact numbers at key locations.

- Keep an up-to-date list of tenant contact information for urgent alerts.