

# THE ARCHIVAL CHECKLIST

To keep your memories safe, your storage supplies need to be **truly archival**.

Use this checklist to make sure that the supplies you purchase are really the quality you need to keep your memories safe and preserved.

For more information on the PAT-test, visit:  
<https://www.imagepermanenceinstitute.org/>

## ALL SUPPLIES NEED TO BE:

### **PAT TESTED**

Though a voluntary manufacturer test, high-quality archival supplies usually comply with these standards.

### **ACID-FREE**

Acids harm your memories, so to avoid brittleness, your supplies should be acid-free, meaning they have been treated to be PH-neutral.

### **LIGNIN-FREE**

Biodegradable lignin occurs naturally in wood, turning paper yellow over time. To avoid this problem, make sure your supplies are lignin-free.

### **BUFFERED**

Buffered means your supplies have been treated to keep its PH-balance over time. Think of it as built-in layers of protection for your memories