

## DO'S AND DON'T'S OF NUMISMATIC COLLECTING

To ensure the safety of your coin or bank note collection, here are a few simple guidelines for storage and maintenance:

### Don't:

- DO NOT CLEAN COINS IN ANY WAY. Although well intentioned, cleaning coins improperly usually results in damage and loss of value.
- DO NOT IRON, PRESS, OR CLEAN BANK NOTES IN ANY WAY. Doing so may decrease their value.
- Do not use plastic cling wrap or aluminum foil when storing coins. To store your items, it's best to use specialty coin holders. If not available envelopes, zip-top bags, paper or plastic containers are acceptable.
- Do not use paper clips or rubber bands to organize bank notes.
- Do not store your collection in areas with high humidity (damp basements), in direct contact with smoke, unwanted odours, or direct sunlight.

### Do:

- Do use specialty coin holders or bank note sleeves to store your collection. If not available, envelopes, zip-top bags, paper or plastic containers are acceptable.
- Do keep bank notes as original as possible, and use rigid card board or plastic sleeves to keep notes from bending.
- Do keep your collection in an area with stable temperature and humidity conditions, away from second-hand smoke, unwanted odours, and direct sunlight.
- Monitor your collections for signs of degradation at least twice per year.