

# FDM Down Time Preparation

All FDM systems should be unloaded with the material stored if they will be turned off for more than three days. The print material may become moisture contaminated if exposed for longer than that. Printers that are running keep the material dry.

## uPrint and Dimension Systems

Select the 'Material' option on the front panel, select 'unload' and then 'unload both'. uPrint spools should be stored in the mylar bags that came with the system. Dimension cartridges are sealed and should be OK for several months.

## F170/F270/F370 Systems

Unload by tapping the material icon on the touchscreen, tapping the head, and selecting 'unload'. Once the head is unloaded you can remove the spool and store it in one of the mylar bags that came with the system.

## F120 Systems

Unload by tapping the material icon on the touchscreen, tapping the head, and selecting 'unload'. Once the head is unloaded you can pull the material plug out of the side of the printer. Cut the material extending out of the plug about 5" away from the plug and discard it. Bend the remaining material into a hook to keep it from slipping back into the key.

