



Bicycle Parking Installation Guide

Why is Bicycle Parking Important?

Bicycle parking is an important component of new development to encourage bicycle travel and accommodate bicycle use. To be effective, both bicycle racks and lockers should be placed so that they can be readily accessible, secure, and installed correctly without impacting pedestrians or motor vehicles.

The City of Walnut Creek Zoning Ordinance requires that “bicycle parking shall be provided for all Commercial and Community Facility Uses” at the time of new construction or any major alteration that increases the overall parking requirement by 10%. The required number of bicycle parking spaces is equal to 10% of the requirement for automobile parking spaces, or a minimum of one bicycle parking space, whichever is greater.

Per the Walnut Creek Bicycle Plan:

- Bicycle parking should not be obstructed by landscaping, benches, or other street furniture to make the parking inaccessible to the users
- Bike racks should be located within 50 feet of the building entrance
- Both bike racks and lockers should be highly visible and in well-lit locations to promote safety and deter theft
- Both bike racks and lockers should be located on all-weather surfaces that properly drain

How to Install:

- Each rack or locker is designed differently and should be installed using the manufacturer’s specifications, including minimum clearance requirements. Place signs, where possible, to identify and promote bike parking areas.
- If a rack or locker cannot be placed near a building entrance due to space or accessibility limitations, the rack or locker should be placed at a nearby approved location suitable for customer use.

Racks vs. Lockers:

- Bicycle racks provide short-term, low-cost parking for between two and eight bicycles
- Bicycle lockers provide long-term parking for bicycles and can usually accommodate space for other gear
- Bicycle storage in a secured, weather-proof room is a viable alternative for most residential uses

Additional Resources:

- 511 Contra Costa. Contact: www.511ContraCosta.org -OR- (925) 969-0841
- City of Walnut Creek, Transportation Planning Division: www.walnut-creek.org -OR- (925) 943-5834 ext 2251



YES: Bicycle Parking Installed Correctly
(Enough room to store bikes and access lockers)



NO: Bicycle Rack Not Installed Correctly
(No room between rack and wall to store a bike)