

City of Billings

Off-Street Bicycle Parking Guidelines

Thank you for choosing to provide safe and convenient bicycle parking to your customers, clients, employees and residents. This will help meet the City's goal to improve and prioritize bicycle accommodations within Billings.

Customers and Clients

Bicycle Parking

1. Bicycle parking spaces are at least 2 feet by 6 feet; minimum 7 feet overhead clearance.
2. A minimum 5 feet access aisle behind rack for bicycle maneuvering.
3. Spaces should not block pedestrians; 4 foot throughway recommended, 3 feet required.
4. Bicycle rack installed a minimum of 30 inches from adjacent walls and other edges.

Bicycle Rack Site Location

1. Located in highly visible area outside main entrance of building and easily accessible.
2. On a hard surface, such as concrete.
3. In rows and within 50 walking feet of a main entrance, distributed to serve all entrances and buildings.
4. Shared bicycle parking facilities within 150 feet of main entrances to buildings served.

Bicycle Racks*

1. Two points of contact with bicycle.
2. Supports "U" type shackle-lock.
3. Securely anchored.

RECOMMENDED



NOT RECOMMENDED



*examples only. not an all inclusive set.

Employees and Residents

1. Either located on site or in an area where the closest point is no more than 300 feet from site.
2. To provide security, long-term facilities are recommended in at least one of the following locations:
 - In a locked room
 - In an area enclosed with a fence with a locked gate.
 - Within 100 feet of an attendant or security guard.
 - In an area monitored by a security camera; or
 - In an area that is visible from employee work areas.
3. At least 50 percent of long-term bicycle parking should be covered.
4. A minimum of 30 percent attached to floor or ground.

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Bicycle Parking by Land Use

The 2011 Billings Area Bikeway and Trails Master Plan (ci.billings.mt.us/bikeplan) recommends the following amounts of bicycle parking. These are not regulated currently in City Code, but are meant to provide guidance for installation of bicycle parking facilities. Call 406.247.8637 with questions.

Recommended Amount of Short Term Bicycle Parking (Clients and Customers)	
Use Type	Recommended Bicycle Parking Spaces
Warehouses, and freight terminals	1 per 5,000 sq ft of floor space
Wholesale business	10 percent of required auto parking
Food or beverage places with sale and consumption on premises	10 percent of required auto parking
Motor vehicle, machinery, plumbing, heating, ventilation, building material supplies, sales and services	The greater of 2 or 20 percent of required auto parking
Retirement homes and housing projects for the elderly which have received a declaratory ruling from the Montana Human Rights Commission allowing sale or lease of the units exclusively to person sixty (60) years of age or older	1 per 4 employees
Motel and motor courts	1 per 10 rooms
Hotels	1 per 10 rooms
Hospitals (with less than 100 beds based upon state licensed bed count)	15 percent of required auto parking
Hospitals (with over 100 beds based upon state licensed bed count) and institutions	10 percent of required auto parking
Theaters	The greater of 10 spaces or 5 percent of seating capacity
Churches, auditoriums, bingo parlors and similar places of assembly	The greater of 10 spaces or 5 percent of seating capacity
Stadiums, sports arenas and similar open assemblies	The greater of 10 spaces or 5 percent of seating capacity
Bowling Alleys	10 percent of required auto parking
Medical doctor or dental clinics or offices located within the medical corridor	15 percent of required auto parking
Medical doctor or dental clinics or offices located outside the medical corridor	15 percent of required auto parking
Medical and dental clinic	15 percent of required auto parking
Banks, businesses and professional offices	1 per 300 sq ft of gross floor area
Mortuaries	The greater of 2 or 10 percent of required auto parking
Other retail:	
If less than 5,000 sq ft of floor area	15 percent of required auto parking
If over 5,000 sq ft of floor area	10 percent of required auto parking
Manufacturing uses, research testing and processing, assembling and all industries	10 percent of required auto parking
Libraries and museums	20 percent of required auto parking
School, elementary, and junior-high, public, private or parochial	1 per 5 students
School, high school, college - public or private	1 per 5 students
Service stations, and drive-in restaurants	1 per 4 employees
Residential, multi-family	The greater of 2, or 1 per unit (if no garage available)
Fraternity or sorority	1 per bedroom
Boarding houses, lodging homes and similar uses	1 per 3 bedrooms
Convalescent homes, nursing homes, rest homes	1 per 4 employees

Recommended Amount of Long Term Bicycle Parking (Employees and Residents)	
Use Type	Recommended Bicycle Parking Spaces
Residential Categories: Multi-family Single family	The greater of 2, or 1 per unit (if no garage is available) None
Commercial Office	The greater of 2 or 10 percent of required auto parking
Restaurants, cafes, bars, and similar uses	The greater of 2 or 5 percent of required auto parking
Retail store and service establishments	The greater of 2 or 5 percent of required auto parking

