

## Guidelines for providing bicycle parking

**Bicycle parking is good for cyclists and for businesses.** Thousands of folks in Boulder ride their bikes to work, shopping, school, play, and more. They've chosen an alternative form of transportation that's good for them—and good for our community. Business owners can create a bicycle-friendly atmosphere by providing cycling customers with secure and adequate parking.

**An easy and affordable way to satisfy bicycling customers.** Cyclists appreciate businesses that provide bicycle parking that's secure, convenient and close to the main entrance.

**Make your business more attractive to cyclists and potential customers.** Safe and convenient bicycle parking is a value-added service that builds customer loyalty. It also reduces the risk of damage to your customers' bicycles and decreases the possibility of bike theft. By improving accessibility to your business, you encourage alternative transportation.

**Familiarize yourself with the city's bicycle parking code.** Provisions for bicycle parking are a requirement of the Boulder Revised Code. Generally, a business must provide a minimum of three bicycle parking spaces or 10 percent of the required off-street parking spaces. For details on the city's bicycle parking ordinance, visit [www.ci.boulder.co.us/cao/brc/933.html](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/cao/brc/933.html). Go to Section 9-3.3-13 Bicycle Parking.

Lack of adequate bicycle parking is often one of the primary reasons that people don't ride their bicycles

## National Bicycle Parking Manufacturers

**CORA**  
P.O. Box 1647  
Bellingham, WA 98227-1647  
1-800-354-8624  
<http://www.cora.com/>  
Parking Type/Model:  
Cora EXPO series Racks  
Universal XT Locker

**Function First Bike Security**  
P.O. Box 44137  
Tucson, AZ 85733-4137  
888-245-3742  
Fax (520) 326-4801  
<http://www.bikerack.com/>  
Parking Type/Model: Inverted U Rack

**Madrax**  
2210 Pinehurst Drive  
Middleton, WI 53562  
800-448-7931  
<http://www.madrax.com/>  
Parking Type/Model: U-190 Rack and Dura-Locker

**Sunshine U-Lok**  
31316 Via Colinas, Suite 102  
Westlake Village, CA 91362  
818-707-0110  
<http://www.sunshineu-lok.com>  
Parking Type/Model:  
Street-LOK  
Simple-LOK Racks  
Secura Locker

## Local Bike Parking Suppliers

**EJ Renner & Associates**  
A Division of Southwest Recreational Industries, Inc.  
220 South Taft Street  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
720-963-1120  
Parking Type/Model: The Wave Rack

**Downs and Associates**  
436 Lincoln  
Denver, CO 80203  
303-744-0488  
Fax 303-744-0399  
Contact: Syd Downs  
[syd@downsandassociates.com](mailto:syd@downsandassociates.com)

## Local Steel Fabricator/custom bike rack manufacturers

**Arc City Inc.**  
3100 Pearl Street  
Boulder, CO  
303-442-6837

For more information about bicycle parking, call GO Boulder's Bicycle Program Coordinator at 303-441-3266 or visit our Web site at [goboulder.net](http://goboulder.net).



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## Step-by-step guidelines

The guidelines below offer an overview of how to provide attractive bicycle parking that meets city of Boulder specifications.

### Types of Bicycle Parking

Installed rack and locker bike parking in the city of Boulder must conform to one of the types and styles as detailed in the city's Design and Construction Standards. To view these standards, visit [www.ci.boulder.co.us/buildingservices/dcs/2000/ch02.pdf](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/buildingservices/dcs/2000/ch02.pdf). Bicycle parking specifications are on page 33 of Chapter 2, Transportation and Design, section 2.11.

The city may approve installation of another rack style if that style meets the criteria outlined in the specifications. Contact GO Boulder for more information.

**Racks:** Bike racks are a great short-term parking option. The city of Boulder endorses the following bicycle parking racks:

- Inverted U rack. Accommodates two bicycles
- Cora style rack. Accommodates more than eight bicycles.

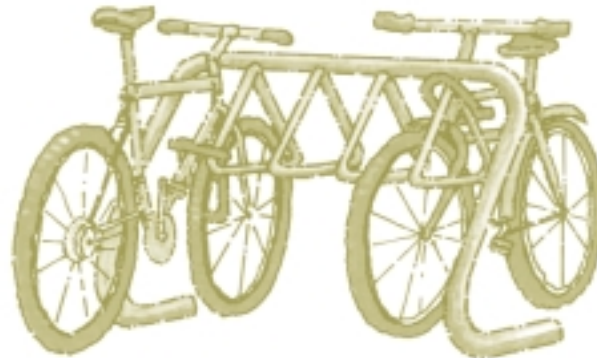
Both types of racks should be flush mounted to a concrete base with welded base plates and secured by hidden or vandal resistant fasteners.



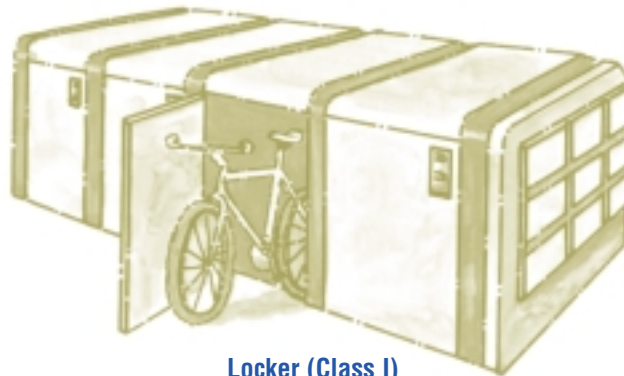
**Lockers:** Bicycle lockers are a great option for employees and commuters, who need longer-term parking. A locker is a fully enclosed space accessible only to its owner. Lockers provide secure weatherproof storage for bicycle parking. They are ideal in areas where long-term or enclosed lots have been provided for automobiles.



Inverted "U" (Class II)



Cora (Class I)



Locker (Class I)

### Location of Bicycle Parking

The location of your bicycle parking is important. A poorly located rack is less likely to be used. To ensure maximum use, follow these guidelines:

- Bicycle parking should be provided within 50 feet of the main building entrance.
- Be sure that this location is visible and prominent, that is lit at night and physically separated from automobile parking to prevent motor vehicles from intruding into the bike parking area.

When evaluating where to locate your bike parking, remember to assess:

- Is the location convenient? Is it secure?
- Is it close to the cyclist's destination (for example, the entrance to your business)?
- Is a sign necessary to direct cyclists to parking?
- Are there always enough spaces for bicycles?
- Do racks interfere with pedestrians?
- Are parked bikes vulnerable to damage from parking cars, delivery operators, or vandals?
- Is there a quick, convenient place for messengers to park their bikes?

### Installation of Bicycle Parking

Bicycle parking must be placed to maintain a minimum unobstructed sidewalk width of 6 feet and 3 feet from any pedestrian curb ramp from any bicycle parked properly to a bicycle rack. For additional spacing specifications, see page 33 of Chapter 2 in the City Design and Construction Standards ([www.ci.boulder.co.us/buildingservices/dcs/2000/ch02.pdf](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/buildingservices/dcs/2000/ch02.pdf)).

### Number of Bicycle Parking Spaces to Provide

The number of bicycle spaces provided should generally equal about 10 percent of the number of automobile spaces. This will ensure that you meet the minimum city of Boulder requirements for bicycle parking. However, it is recommended that you evaluate the nature of your business and increase the amount of bicycle parking spaces provided in order to meet your anticipated demand.