



Donation Tips for Condos and Apartments with Bicycle Storage Rooms

Thank you for your interest in Working Bikes! As a donation partner, you have a direct impact on our mission, providing bikes that help fuel our efforts to empower folks with bicycles locally and globally. We couldn't make it happen without supporters like you! If you have bikes for donation at your property, we would love for you to get in touch with our staff. Below, we offer some best practices to guide you in preparing your donation.

- **Make sure bicycles are abandoned by tenants.**

Provide tenants with a warning that the bikes are going to be donated. This allows individuals to claim anything that they would not like donated. Some buildings we have worked with have tagged the bikes with a notice of the donation, giving them a 3 week - month long period to move any items they would like to keep. In some cases, it might be appropriate to provide this notice in languages other than English or other formats (email, mailer, flyer, ect). Once the bicycles are received, we work to quickly find them a new home. Working Bikes is not liable for any items that are accidentally donated.

- **Have bicycles staged for pick-up.**

It can make the pick-up easier if bicycles are relocated to a loading dock, parking lot, or back entrance prior to our drivers arriving onsite. Additionally, it is always helpful if the building can have any operations staff, facilities staff, or volunteers available to help load the bikes.

- **Provide us with the best day-of contact information.**

Please provide Working Bikes staff with the name, phone number, and email of the individual who will be on-site during the pick-up. This can be helpful if WB staff need to access a loading dock or back entrance. Additionally, please provide us with the pick-up location, including any information regarding loading zones or parking.

Do you have bikes to donate or want to learn more about our organization?

Give us a call at 773-657-8419 or email donation@workingbikes.org.

A bit more about us: WORKING BIKES is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that gives donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. Countless bicycles are discarded or sit unused in storage across the United States every year. But a bicycle is a vital tool when put to use. Bicycles can provide access to jobs, education, medical attention, and other resources—truly changing the life of an individual, their family, and their community. Since its founding in 1999, Working Bikes has recovered tens of thousands of discarded and donated bicycles from Chicago and the Midwest, and has redistributed more than 100,000 of them worldwide. Twenty years into its efforts, Working Bikes is more impactful than ever and excited to continue to grow.

Global Impact: Working Bikes ships thousands of bicycles each year to our international partners, primarily in countries throughout Latin America and Africa.

Local Impact: Working Bikes has two programs to donate bikes to individuals and partner organizations in Chicago. The Cycle of Power program provides bikes, locks, and helmets to adults in need of sustainable transportation. The Cycle of Peace program provides bikes to youth. Organizations of all sizes partner with Working Bikes to offer their clients and participants access to bicycles, including organizations addressing issues like homeless transition, refugee resettlement, veteran support, community health and youth empowerment, as well as government institutions.