



Inventory to Improve Transportation Near Your Home

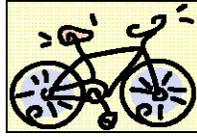
Please answer the following questions to help you assess how much “green” transportation is available around your home or apartment.

1. Do you own a bicycle that is in good working order for each member of your family?
2. Is there a sidewalk in front of your residence?
3. Is the sidewalk clear of obstacles such as large bumps, parked cars, tree limbs, and bushes?
4. Do sidewalks from your neighborhood connect to other neighborhoods, parks, a library, or shopping? Check out the walkability score of your home: www.walkscore.com
5. How far away is the public elementary, middle and high school?
6. Are there sidewalks and/or trails that allow you to ride or walk to those schools?
7. How often do you walk or bicycle to accomplish everyday tasks such as going to school, work, grocery shopping, visiting friends, etc?
8. How close is the nearest bus route? Is there a sidewalk or trail that allows you to ride or walk to the bus stop?

Ideas for “greening” your transportation

Ideas that are free (or nearly so)

1. Keep your sidewalk clear of obstacles by trimming bushes and tree limbs, shoveling snow, not parking cars on the driveway within the sidewalk line and keeping trash cans off the sidewalk.
2. Fix any cracks or bumps within the sidewalk on your property.
3. Talk to your city or county elected officials about getting sidewalk and trail connections from your neighborhood to important destinations such as schools, shopping, parks, employment centers and libraries.
4. Tune-up an old bike or buy a new one.
5. Try walking or riding your bike once or twice a week in place of driving your car.
6. Try walking to destinations even when it gets colder. Practice layering your clothes to stay warm during your walk. This gives you the ability to remove a layer or two once you return inside.
7. If you plan to move to a new apartment or house, choose one that is close to the places you go to most often such as work, shopping or entertainment. Pick a location with a high walkability score: www.walkscore.com
8. When looking for a new job, consider those that are within walking or biking distance of your home.



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9. Bring your lunch to work or walk to a restaurant to avoid driving to lunch.
10. Tune-up your car and keep your tires inflated. You'll get better mileage and pollute the air less.
11. If you plan on buying a new car, consider one that is fuel efficient.
www.epa.gov/greenvehicles
12. If you live within a 10 minute walk of a bus stop, try riding the bus to see what it's like. Imagine being able to read while getting to work!
13. If the buses don't have bike racks, ask your transit operator to purchase and install them. Having your bike with you helps you get to more places faster once you get off the bus.
14. Encourage local officials and planning commissioners to provide connections between neighborhoods when approving new developments. This allows drivers shorter trips and provides safe walking and biking connections.
15. On neighborhood streets where speeding seems to be a problem, encourage local officials to install traffic calming measures such as speed humps, traffic circles and chicanes to slow vehicles. www.trafficcalming.org/