

The Minnesota Valley Transit Authority is not liable for damage to bicycles, except if the MVTA is found to be negligent or at fault in an accident. Theft, damage, injury while loading and unloading, acts by a third party, and all other incidents are solely the responsibility of the cyclist and not the MVTA.

Other Resources

For more information on bicycling, contact::

- Metro Commuter Services/Metro Transit, (612) 373-3333 or www.metrotransit.org/serviceInfo/bikesOnTransit.asp
- Dakota County, (952) 891-7000 or www.co.dakota.mn.us/sti/biking.html
- MNDOT, (651) 366-4162 or www.dot.state.mn.us/bike/
- MN Dept. of Natural Resources, (651) 296-6157 or www.dnr.state.mn.us
- MN Dept. of Public Safety, (651) 296-6911 or www.dps.state.mn.us/frameSet.htm

Renting Lockers

The MVTA has bicycle lockers available for rent at several locations, including:

- Apple Valley Transit Station
15584 Gaslight Dr., Apple Valley
- Burnsville Transit Station
100 E. Highway 13, Burnsville
- Blackhawk Park & Ride
Cliff Rd / I-35E / Blackhawk Rd., Eagan
- Eagan Transit Station
Yankee Doodle / Pilot Knob / I-35E, Eagan
- Palomino Hills Park & Ride
Pennock Rd. / Palomino Dr., Apple Valley
- 157th St. Transit Station
Pilot Knob / 160th St., Apple Valley

The rental fee is \$5 per month (two-month minimum rental period). A deposit of \$25 is also required. An agreement is signed between the MVTA and the renter, including such information as:

- Bicycle Year / Make / Model
- Bicycle Color
- Registration Number (recommended)
- Personal Information such as:
Name, Address, Home / Work Telephone Numbers

In addition to the bicycle lockers, bike racks are available for use at many MVTA park & ride locations.



Rules of the Road

Cyclists are required to follow state laws and should follow common-sense “rules of the road” these include:

1. Ride on the right side with traffic; obey all traffic signs and signals; bicycles have all rights/duties of any other vehicle driver.
2. Use legal lights and reflectors at night.
3. Use a continuous arm signal during last 100 feet prior to turn or lane change (unless arm is needed to control bike) and while stopped waiting to turn.
4. On roadways, bicyclists may ride two abreast, but should not impede normal and reasonable movement of traffic. Otherwise, ride in a single lane and as close as practical.
5. Yield to pedestrians on sidewalks and crosswalks; give an audible signal when necessary before overtaking. Do not ride on sidewalks within business districts, unless permitted.
6. Do not hitch rides on other vehicles.
7. Bicycles may have only one rider unless bicycle is equipped for more or a legal baby seat is used.
8. Items should not be carried if they prevent keeping one hand on handlebars or if such items prevent proper operation of brakes.
9. Brakes must allow skidding on dry, level, clean pavement.
10. Handlebars must not be above shoulder level. Bicycle size must allow safe operation.
11. Parking that does not impede normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic is allowed on sidewalks, unless locally restricted.
12. Legal parking on a roadway is allowed if it does not obstruct legally parked vehicles.
13. Wear a helmet and reflective clothing.
14. Be alert. Road conditions can change, speeding vehicles can create a vacuum effect.

Biking on the MVTA

Effective: 7/1/08



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Burnsville Transit Station
100 East Highway 13
Burnsville, Minnesota 55337

952-882-7500 www.mvta.com

Using Bike Racks

All MVTA buses have been equipped with bicycle racks. These buses operate on both local MVTA routes in Apple Valley, Eagan, Burnsville, Rosemount & Savage and express route buses to/from downtown Minneapolis, St. Paul and the University of Minnesota.

Each rack holds two bicycles and has simple instructions printed right on the rack. It's quick and easy. Follow these steps for easy loading and unloading of the bicycle:

Flag Down the Bus

While standing along the route, alert the driver that you wish to board the bus. Have the bicycle clearly visible and when the bus stops, advise the driver that the bike will be loaded on the bicycle rack.



Load the Bike

Open the Front Rack

Have the bike ready to load. Always load the bicycle from the curbside. If the rack is empty, lift the metal handle and pull the folded bike rack down flat.



Loading the Bike

Load the bike in the position nearest the bus. If another bike is on the rack, load the bike in the open position. The cyclist is responsible for loading and securing the bike on the rack. Bus drivers are not allowed to load or unload bicycles.



Lock the Bike in Place

Unhitch and raise the support arm until upright. Raise and release the support arm over the front tire. Make sure the support arm is resting on top of the tire and not on the fender or frame of the bicycle. The bike is now securely fastened in the rack.

Once the bicycle is secured in the rack, make sure it is free of water bottles or other loose items. The rider is then ready to board the bus and travel to his/her destination.



Lock the Bike in Place

Unload the Bike

Stop the Bus

Signal to the driver to stop the bus. Before exiting the bus, inform the driver that a bicycle will be removed from the bike rack.

Remove the Bike

On the front-loading rack, raise the support arm, lower it into place and lift the bike off the rack. Fold up the rack if it is empty. Step away from the bus with the bicycle. NEVER cross in front of the bus - wait until the bus has passed.

