

WELCOME TO



The Bike Dump

back entrance of 631 main street. winnipeg mb.

<http://bike-dump.ca>

WHAT IS THE BIKE DUMP?

The Bike Dump is a community bicycle learning and repair centre. We run on volunteer hours and on your donations. You can use our tools and workspace to fix your bike or to build one from recycled parts.

WHAT IF I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT FIXING BIKES?

When you show up, you'll be greeted at the front door, and hooked up with a Bike Dump mechanic who can help you build a bike from our parts, or fix your own. If all the mechanics are busy, you will have to wait until one is available. If you're interested in the shop running more smoothly, you can always spend time volunteering, yourself!

Also keep in mind that repairs can (and will) take more time than you expect, and volunteers are not here to fix your bike for you, but to help you fix it yourself. Please be patient and respectful to those who are donating their time.

Please also always be respectful of the space: replace tools on the boards as soon as you're done using them, use the tools properly, and if anything gets broken, please let us know so we can have it replaced.

HOW DO I GO ABOUT FINDING A BIKE TO BUILD?

There are two rooms in the back. One has a sign above the door that says "Build me up bikes", the other says "Work in progress". You can look through the "Build me up bikes" with a mechanic and find a frame or bike that fits you, and start working on it. When you're done working on your bike for the day, get a yellow tag from just inside the "Work in progress" room, fill it out, attach it to your bike, and put it in the "in progress" room. Make sure to put your name, phone number and the date on it, and update the date every time you work on it, since bikes that haven't been worked on for a months will be put back in the "Build me up" room.

HOW MUCH DOES THIS COST?

Using our tools, getting help, and taking used parts for your bike is all by donation, so please pay whatever you can, or think is fair. Our sliding scale goes down to zero, and we'd rather have bikes on the road than sitting in our shop due to lack of money, but we do have expenses we need to keep up with. It is appreciated if you donate whatever you are able to, be it money, bikes, or time. We have new some new parts, like chains, tubes, and brake cables that we sell at cost; those prices are non-negotiable.

CAN I JUST TAKE ANYTHING THEN?

You can't just run off with a crate full of used handlebars. Everything you use should be leaving on your bike in working order. If you would prefer to take a part home to put it on there, or need something for a special project, please ask one of the volunteers and maybe we can work something out.

If you've built a bike for yourself with Bike Dump parts and want to build another, you should first build a bike up for us to sell, or put in a comparable amount of other volunteer effort.

CAN I BUY A BIKE FROM YOU?

Yes! This is another way we cover our expenses. Most bikes hanging in the "being worked on" room are for sale. Specifically, look for the ones with the blue tags. Talk to a volunteer about buying bikes.

WHAT IF I HAVE AN IDEA FOR THE SPACE?

The Bike Dump does not belong to the people who work here, but to the whole community of people using the space. If you want to get involved by painting a mural, helping someone fix a flat tire, bringing a CD to listen to while we are working together, sorting parts, or whatever, feel free to talk to us about it!

CAN I VOLUNTEER?

Yes! Have a look at the "Bike Dump Volunteer & Mechanic Guide" pamphlet at the front table. You can take one of our workshops to learn more about bike repair. If there is currently a volunteer-only night we're open, you can also do work and learn then when it's less crowded.

DO YOU RUN BIKE REPAIR WORKSHOPS?

We sporadically do. Sign up to our email list to hear about them, or ask a volunteer to be put on a waiting list.

CAN I DONATE A BIKE?

You can donate working or broken bikes, parts, or anything you can find laying around your house, apartment, or in a back alley. It is much easier for us if you can drop it off, but we may be able to arrange a pick-up.

WHEN ARE YOU OPEN?

For 2008, we are open on Sundays from 12-5pm, and Thursdays from 5-9pm. You can check updated hours on our website, or on the sign outside. We're through the courtyard on the south side of 631 Main st.

DO YOU HAVE A WEBSITE?

Yes, and it includes an email list you can subscribe to to get updates about the Dump. It's at <http://bike-dump.ca> and our email is contact at bike dash dump dot ca. You might also choose to subscribe to Info Usurpa, which is a news bulletin that includes updates about the Bike Dump as well as other radical spaces in the city. You can read it weekly at the Bike Dump or the Mondragon, or check out <http://usurpa.bike-dump.ca/>

HAVE A PHONE?

Nope.