

Reuse your Bicycle

Abandoned bikes on campus are a hassle for Campus Police, who must flag them as abandoned, break the locks, pay to store them, and then try to sell them at the annual bike auction. Because many are in poor condition after being left out in the elements, they are unable to be sold and must be recycled. We can do better! Here are some reuse options for that unwanted bike.

Bike-Specific Reuse Resources

Quad Bikes: Quad Bikes is the non-profit bicycle shop for the Harvard Community. They are a non-profit that depends on donations to survive. If you have a bicycle, parts, or accessories lying around that you would like used again, please consider donating to Quad Bikes.

URL: <http://www.quadbikes.org/>

Email: info@quadbikes.org

Phone: 617-496-5955

Bikes Not Bombs: We receive approximately 3,000 used bicycles and tons of used parts each year, brought in as donations by people like you, who cannot stand to see good resources getting thrown out. We'd love to help your old bike onto a new life. We ship about 2,400 of these bikes to economic development projects (micro-enterprise bike businesses, sustainable technology projects, and youth training programs) in South Africa, Ghana, and Guatemala every year. If you're ready to bring in that old bicycle, or you have any other questions about bike donations, please call us at (617) 522-0222 or email Steve, our Donations Coordinator.

Email: buddyster@rcn.com

Address: 284 Amory Street; Jamaica Plain, MA, 02130

URL: <http://www.bikesnotbombs.org/>

SCUL: Subversive Choppers Urban Legion
A local bicycle club that modifies trash picked bicycles to create alternative "chopper" bicycles. They collect bicycle parts and frames to modify year round; most of the chopper bikes are trash picked, and reused!

URL: <http://www.scul.org/>

Email: threespeed@mit.edu

General Reuse Resources

MIT Reuse Lists: Reuse is a group email list for exchanging free and for-sale items located @ MIT or within the Greater Boston area. Reuse consists of a series of mailing lists to which items get posted:

Email: reuse@mit.edu (to post availability of *free* items)

Email: reuse-ask@mit.edu (to ask for items)

Email: reuse-sell@mit.edu (to sell items)

To post, you need only send an email to the list but be sure to read through the rules of use before posting: <http://web.mit.edu/reuse/>. If you want to be added to any of the reuse lists, send mail from your MIT account to [listname-request](mailto:listname-request@mit.edu) with the word "subscribe" or send mail to reuse-owner@mit.edu.

Freecycle Groups: Freecycle is an online community open to all who want to reuse that special (or not so special) something rather than throw it away. Read the guidelines before posting and remember: everything posted must be free. For info on the movement and participating towns:

URL: <http://www.freecycle.org/>

Cambridge MA Freecycle™ group:

URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycleCambridgeMA/>

Freecycle Boston:

URL: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/freecycleboston/>

Craig's List: Craig's List is a free online community for sharing resources, job listings, pets, rideshares - everything under the sun. But we like the "For Sale" section, in which individual items, yard sale items, and more are posted for free or for purchase.

URL: <http://boston.craigslist.org/>



Working Group Recycling (WGR)
<http://web.mit.edu/workinggreen/>