

# BIKING & WALKING



Biking and/or walking to work not only saves you \$\$\$ and reduces your personal carbon footprint, but also helps you to stay fit & healthy.

## Consider biking or walking to work?

- **It's a good idea to practice.** Prior to walking to work or cycling to work, take a walk or spin around your neighborhood – practice walking or biking for the period of time that you expect it will take you to commute to work.
- **Identify how far you live from work.** The average walking speed is 3 MPH, while the average biking speed is 10 MPH. Therefore if you live within these distances to work, biking and/or walking could be right for you!
- **Review the Top-10 biking checklist** on the backside of this card to help you prepare for your active commute.

## Do you live further than 3-10 miles from work?

If you live further than these distances, you may want to commute by walking or biking to/from a train station, bus stop, a park & ride lot, or perhaps drive your car (or carpool!) to an appropriate location and complete your commute using your foot or biking power.

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## **TOP-10 BIKING CHECKLIST:**

Before you leave the house do you have the following items with you?

1. License & insurance card in case of an emergency
2. Cash or credit card in the event you need to call for help
3. Cell phone: make sure its charged
4. Keys to your house if you're biking to/from work/home
5. If you left your car at work, keys to drive your car home
6. Water bottle recommended amount is 3-6 ounces for 20 minutes of exercise
7. Toiletry items & a towel
8. Clothes for work, including shoes if you're biking to/from work/home
9. If you're driving to work and biking home make sure you've packed a helmet, clothes to bike in, cycling shoes, water bottle, and snack
10. A lock for your bike at your designated location to ensure your bike is safe during the day

Visit our **Cycling Corner Tab** for resources to help you plan your active commute, view local maps, create or find an existing route that may suite your needs.

Go to [www.merrimackvalleytma.com](http://www.merrimackvalleytma.com) for more information.

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