

Commuting in Inclement Weather – Cycling Tips

Stay comfortable, visible, and prepared on every ride

Riding can be fun, no matter the weather. Keep the joy in your commute with these simple tips.

Fenders are your friend. They keep the rain off you and where it belongs, on the ground.

Choose easy on/easy off rain gear. Full side-zip rain pants are quick to pull over work clothes. You won't always need full rain gear, but it's great to have it, just in case. [Here's a video with more suggestions!](#)

Maximize visibility. Rain and cold reduce driver visibility, so use lights and reflectivity. Mount lights higher up (like on your handlebar and helmet) and add reflectivity to moving parts (pedals, wheels, legs) to catch attention. Consider a reflective vest and add inexpensive reflective tape to your bike, helmet, or panniers.



Keep your hands warm. Cold hands can ruin a ride. When gloves aren't enough, handlebar mitts block wind and add serious warmth—especially paired with gloves.

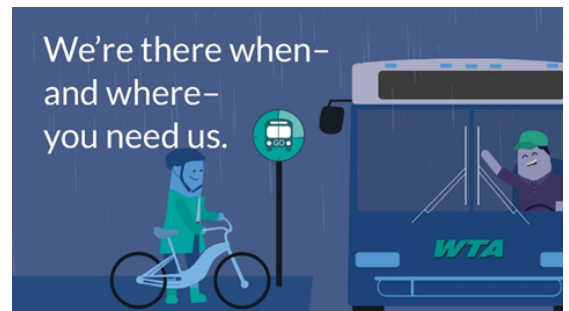
Cover your head and ears. A thin hat under your helmet is essential; a ski mask helps when temperatures really drop.



Stash backup clothes at work. Dry shoes, socks, or a full outfit can make your day much more comfortable.

Have a backup plan. If the weather turns, consider putting your bike on the bus. Keep some cash (dollar bills) or your debit card handy for the fare. WTA fare is \$2 per ride.

With the right prep, wet and cold rides can still be great ones.



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