

2.) SHIPPING YOUR BIKE TO/FROM RAGBRAI

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- Bikeflights accepted bookings for one-way and round-trip shipments within the contiguous U.S. through Wednesday, June 24th. This was a hard date, so we hope you've already done this, if needed.
- Bikeflights will express mail your stage 1 (to RAGBRAI) labels to your specified pick-up location. Your stage 2 labels (from RAGBRAI) will be mailed directly to Pork Belly Ventures. Please note, this is a change from previous years because of the addition of RFID tracking to the labels. [You can learn more about RFID labels here: https://blog.Bikeflights.com/post/819788962655797248/Bikeflights-adds-rfid-tracking](https://blog.Bikeflights.com/post/819788962655797248/Bikeflights-adds-rfid-tracking)
- If you have not received your stage 1 label at the pick-up location you specified when you ordered your Bikeflights service by July 5th, please email support@Bikeflights.com and they will email you a standard printable label.
- If your order a Bikeflights Bike Box, Bikeflights will process your order within 1-2 business days and send a Bikeflights Bike Box Large (BBL) directly to you via their ground shipping service (typical transit time of 1-5 business days for most locations). They'll schedule a pickup on Tuesday, July 7th for your packed bike from the shipping address you input upon ordering. Please have your bike packed, labeled, and ready for pickup on this date. Be sure to coordinate with your local shop about this July 7th date if they are packing it and shipping it out for you.
- After your pick-up location receives your stage 1 label and before Tuesday, the 7th of July, you'll pack your bike into your box or case, affix your label, and have your bike ready and out for pick-up on Tuesday, July 7th by UPS. (If you intend to have your bike packed by and shipped from your local bike shop, use the bike shop address when ordering your shipping.) Prior to shipping, be sure to completely remove all previous shipping labels, barcodes and warning stickers. Here's how to attach your label to your box or your case.
- NOTE: Pick-up is included for all orders. The pick-up date is pre-arranged as Tuesday, July 7th. If you use your home address, the pick-up will be at your home. If you use your bike shop's address, pick-up will be at the shop.
- If you are shipping from a bike shop, make sure the shop knows that you are getting your bike picked up on Tuesday, July 7th, so they can have it packed, labeled and ready to go. It's always a good idea to call and remind them prior to the pick-up. Bikeflights will be monitoring to make sure pick-ups are successful and will follow up as needed.
- If you're ordering pre-RAGBRAI assembly, your bike will need to be received in time to assemble it, so the bike must be picked up on Tuesday, July 7th.
- If your stage 1 shipping label is not received at your pickup location by July 6, please email support@Bikeflights.com so they can email you a replacement label.

Shipping Bikes Home

- Bike shipping is available until 5:00 PM on July 25th. We will not extend our hours, so manage your time on the last day of RAGBRAI.
- If you're not with PBV during the week of RAGBRAI, and if you DO need to ship your bike with us after RAGBRAI, ride straight to our location. (By then, you'll have our map.) After you've dealt with your bike, you will be able to shuttle elsewhere in Dubuque, using the town's shuttle system.

- If you have ordered your shipping label online at Bikeflights.com, it will be mailed directly to us at PBV – a new change this year.
- Don't count on purchasing shipping labels during the week or in Dubuque. Internet connections are very unreliable.
- A UPS trailer will stage in or near our staging area in Dubuque to receive boxed bikes and other parcels that are ready to ship on the day.
- As ever, we will have your flattened bike boxes, extra cardboard bike boxes for the taking, your bike bags and your hard-shell bike cases in camp at Dubuque on the last day.
- We'll have tape, extra cardboard boxes, and markers.

OPTIONS FOR SHIPPING or FLYING BIKES HOME:

Some of this is repeat info, but it may clarify options for those who haven't read all the updates.

- **The first option for shipping your bike home** is to box it yourself in Dubuque, affix your shipping label (which you will pick up from Kay), and hand the package over to our crew to load onto a UPS trailer immediately. Our bike mechanics will have some tools that you may borrow. This option requires no additional payment and includes very little assistance from our bike mechanics, but it is a great option for those who are accustomed to working on their own bikes.
- **The second option for shipping your bike home** allows you to turn your bike, your shipping container, over to our crew (find Kay) for return shipping. Some bikes will be packed up on site in Dubuque. Others will be transported safely to an air-conditioned shop, where our mechanics will package your bike for shipping. This option costs an additional \$100, payable in advance. You have selected this packaging option when you purchased your outbound shipping at Bikeflights.com, or you can write to us and send payment for packaging between now and RAGBRAI. You can expect your parcel to enter the UPS system after RAGBRAI, by Tuesday, July 28.
- **Packing your bike for Air Travel:** This task is more urgent, as all bikes will need to be packaged by your shuttle departure time. Anyone who needs assistance and must package his/her bike on the last day of RAGBRAI in Dubuque for airline travel Omaha, Des Moines, or Quad Cities airports, please write to pete@pkbelly.com now and order this service. We need to know about it right away. The price is \$100. If you purchase this, be sure to have your bike to Kay at the shipping desk at least 2 hours before your bus leaves.
- For anyone **who ships bikes to/from Iowa by some means other than Bikeflights.com**, we charge a \$70 fee for providing the "ground game" at RAGBRAI. That's \$35 each way. Contact Pete for our shipping address and to have this service added to your registration.

Bike Shipping Outside PBV

For those who are shipping bikes to/from RAGBRAI but are not using the services of Pork Belly Ventures during the week--your shipping containers, bike mechanics, and all bike-shipping services will be in our Dubuque staging area on the SW side of Andersen Windows. We will publish maps soon. Ride directly to us, handle your bike shipping, and then shuttle to other locations in Dubuque. We will only be on site until 5:00 PM for bike shipping.

Read Our Bike Shipping Update Here:

https://pkbelly.com/content/emailedUpdate/2026_update_shipping