

Get your own Inner Sunset Public Bench

Dear Inner Sunset neighbor/business owner,

Benches make a big difference to any neighborhood. They offer a place for elderly folks to rest, create welcoming spaces to enjoy one's surroundings, and share the message of community. When painted, benches can become wonderful works of art.

The Public Bench Project is passionate about benches in the Inner Sunset. We intend to make it easy for residents and businesses to put benches outside their buildings in the public realm. If you are interested in a bench, we can build it for you (come join us if you like) – a donation of \$25 or more to cover materials costs is welcome but nobody is turned away for lack of funds.

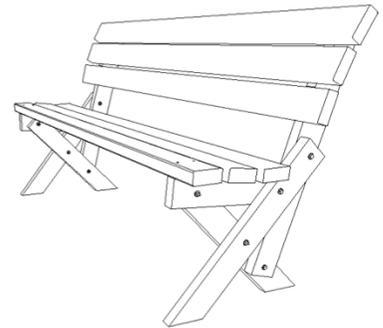
Visit www.publicbenchproject.org for more information.

Contact Adam and Chris at publicbenchprojectsf@gmail.com to ask about getting your own bench.

Bench Information

Bench dimensions (see diagram opposite)

33 inches high
24 inches deep
6 feet long (length can be shortened if necessary).



Placement guidelines

- ⤴ You must place your bench in public (ie. not on private property)
- ⤴ No permit is required unless bench is bolted into the sidewalk
- ⤴ Leave open 6 feet of sidewalk width

Care guidelines

- ⤴ Chain the bench to an immovable item. With a permit you can bolt the bench to the sidewalk.
- ⤴ Make it obvious that the bench is for everybody by putting a sign reading something like “This is a public space, feel free to sit”.
- ⤴ Consider putting a contact (email, etc) on the bench to enable feedback from neighbors. Be responsive and empathetic to comments.
- ⤴ Keep the bench and surrounding area clean.

Won't the bench be vandalized or used antisocially?

Undesirable bench uses are usually rare and easily outweighed by the benefits of having such seating permanently available. Graffiti taggers and vandals generally respect obviously cared-for street furniture, especially if the bench is painted with art.

Build a community space around your bench

Consider adding elements such as plant pots, a trellis, art, a community notice board, and so on, around the bench. This creates an even more welcoming community space.