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After-Hours Service Calls
Phone calls before 8:00 a.m., or after 4:30 p.m., should be directed to University Police at 270-745-2548. University Police will act on urgent service calls that cannot wait until the next normal working day by contacting the assigned DFM Duty Manager.

Air Conditioning and Heating
Temperature control throughout the university is operated and maintained by the DFM Plant Operations Division. Building occupants should not attempt any repairs to malfunctioning equipment. Improper operation of heating and air conditioning systems, individual window air conditioning units, or other service requirements should be directed to DFM.

Bicycle Racks
The DFM Grounds division installs bicycle racks. Location of bicycle racks is determined by need, as well as landscaping and architectural considerations. Abandoned bicycles are removed periodically by the University Police.

Building Conditions Inspections
Inspections are conducted on a continuing schedule for all university buildings by DFM personnel to determine major and minor items of maintenance and repair required. Questions about building inspections should be directed to DFM.

Contract Construction
Some construction for maintenance, repair, major renovation, or new construction is accomplished through contracts with outside contractors administered by John Osborne, Vice President for Campus Services and Facilities. Only authorized PDC or DFM personnel may direct the work of contractors doing new construction or renovation.

Custodial Services
Cleaning of academic and administrative areas is accomplished by the Building Service Attendants (BSA). Generally, most cleaning is completed during the evening and early morning hours. If emergency cleaning is required, BSAs will be assigned, based on availability by contacting DFM. Any problems or questions involving cleaning may be directed to the Building Services’ Manager during normal business hours, 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Building Service Attendants are not permitted to perform personal or unauthorized services; this includes unlocking doors for individuals.

Elevator Problems
Elevator problems, malfunctioning elevators, and elevator breakdowns should be reported to the DFM Work Control at 270-745-3253, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For problems occurring outside these hours and on holidays, please call University Police at 270-745-2548.

Emergencies
Good judgment is an important factor when determining whether a situation should be considered an emergency. Any disaster, unusual occurrence, utility malfunction, or equipment failure that presents imminent danger to life or property is an emergency and should be reported immediately by telephone to the DFM at 270-745-3253. After normal working hours, report emergency conditions to University Police at 270-745-2548. DFM’s response to emergencies will normally be immediate, depending on the time of day and availability of personnel. If the time of occurrence is other than normal working hours, the on-call staff duty person will secure the emergency condition and determine upon consultation what immediate action or repairs need to be taken.
**Equipment Installation**

Equipment installation for a department is provided by DFM as a reimbursable service.

**Excavation**

Since the majority of the university's utility distribution and telephone systems are underground, all excavations and digging on the grounds must be approved and coordinated by DFM. Questions regarding digging or excavation should be directed to John Osborne, Vice President for Campus Services and Facilities, or Bryan Russell, Director of Planning, Design and Construction (PDC) at 270-745-5518.

**Fire Extinguishers**

Fire extinguishers in university buildings are provided and inspected on a semi-annual basis by the Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Department. Missing fire extinguishers should be reported to EH&S at 270-745-2931.

**Furniture Maintenance**

Maintenance for specialized departmental instructional equipment items, office furnishings, and other furniture is a departmental responsibility. DFM is able to provide repair services for such items on a reimbursable basis. A Service Request should be submitted to DFM for such requests.

**Hazardous Material**

The EH&S Department is responsible for the clean-up and disposal of hazardous chemicals and waste. If there has been a spill of hazardous material on campus the Director of Environmental Health and Safety, should be contacted immediately at 270-745-2858. The EH&S Department provides training at safety seminars for WKU personnel regarding the storage and use of hazardous chemicals. Any questions about these seminars or use of hazardous chemicals on campus should be directed to EH&S  270-745-2858.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for chemicals used in DFM operations are available online at http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/Legal/EHS/MSDSSearch/msdssearch.htm

**Interruption of Utility Service**

All weekday gas, water, or electric utility interruptions on campus should be reported to the DFM at 270-745-3253. Off hours, weekends, and holidays, report interruptions to the University Police dispatcher at 270-745-2548. If it is necessary to shut off gas, water, or electricity to points on campus, the DFM Management staff will give advance notice, if possible, to all building coordinators affected. When electrical power is lost; please follow the steps listed below. a) Extinguish any flames and terminate any experiments. Ventilation through the chemical fume hood ceases with the power loss and may not automatically return with the power. b) Turn off as much electrical equipment as possible to minimize the electrical load when power is restored. This also protects the equipment from voltage fluctuations. c) If persons are trapped in elevators, call the DFM at 270.745.3253 or University Police at 270-745.2548. d) Do not open refrigerators or freezers unless necessary. e) Long-term power outages may require the evacuation of the building.

**Keys and Locks**

Keys and locks are now handles by the Access Control Department, which reports to University Police. Questions please call 745-5050 or refer to the university key policy at www.wku.edu/accesscontrol.

**Moving Services**

Moving of University property within University-owned properties is provided through WKU Inventory Department 745-7017.
Department Signs
Department signs for interior identification of offices, laboratories, desks, and other areas in buildings are provided as a reimbursable service by DFM. A Service Request should be submitted.

Painting Services
Painting of buildings and facilities is performed on a scheduled basis, depending on time restraints and the availability of funds. A Service Request should be submitted to DFM for such projects. Times for performing painting requests will be scheduled by the Trades Supervisor.

Pest Control
DFM routinely provides in-house pest control services on campus. If pests are noticed in buildings, call DFM at 270-745-3253, and the exterminator will apply insecticide or traps as a service. Control of insects in decorative plants is the responsibility of the plant owner.

Preventive Maintenance
DFM personnel follow a regular schedule of routine preventive maintenance checks on doors, windows, roofs, hardware, refrigeration, air conditioning, plumbing, ventilation, electrical systems, and other equipment proprietary to campus buildings. Defects discovered during these inspections are repaired under the operational budget of DFM. Problems in these areas discovered by members of the university community may be reported to the DFM at 270-745-3253.

Recycling /Surplus pickup
Recycling services are provided in all university buildings. BSAs empty recycling containers daily. If there is a recycling container in a building that needs emptying, please notify the Custodial Manager, at telephone number 270-745-5822. The cardboard desk paper recyclers are the responsibility of the office occupant(s) and should be emptied into the corridor recycling containers. Pickups of unusual amounts of recycling, confidential recycling, and requests for additional recycling containers can be made by calling the WKU Recycling Coordinator at 270-745-6827. Additional information on the WKU Recycling Program or the WKU surplus pickup can be directed to the WKU Recycling Coordinator.

Refuse Collection and Disposal Services
An outside contractor picks up trash and refuse generated by the University on a regular schedule. Building Service Attendants (BSAs) take trash from buildings to outside trash dumpsters for pick up by the contractor. The University is billed for each pick up as well as by the ton. Departments are encouraged to make a concerted effort at recycling in order to assist in reducing the ever-increasing trash removal bill at the University. Special refuse pickups can be arranged as a reimbursable service on a limited basis by submitting a Service Request to DFM. Problems with un-removed trash within University buildings should be reported to the Custodial Manager at 270-745-5822.
Roof Areas
No one is allowed on, nor allowed to place any objects or equipment on the roof of any campus building without prior written approval by John Osborne, Vice President for Campus Services and Facilities.

Service Requests
Submitting a Service Requests: These types of requests are the financial responsibility of the requesting departments. The resources provided to Facilities Management are allocated for the maintaining of buildings in their designed condition. Any additions or improvements that alter the existing space are considered projects and are not funded by the maintenance department. Purchases made for office furniture, office decor or department specific equipment etc., are also not funded by DFM. Examples of other types of request that would not be covered: core changes, unscheduled painting requests etc. To request services beyond general maintenance, please send us a Service Request, currently not available on line. If you need some for your department, please call DFM at 745-3253 and we will be happy to put them in the hand mail for you.

Snow & Ice Control
Snow and ice control for roads, sidewalks, grounds, and parking areas is provided by the DFM's Grounds division. Questions or concerns may be addressed to the Grounds Manager, at telephone number 270-745-5820. Removal of snow and ice from building entries is the responsibility of the BSAs. Concerns about these areas may be addressed to the Custodial Manager at telephone number 270-745-5822. All members of the university community are responsible for removing their vehicles from off the public roads around the university during snow emergencies.

Utility Connections
Connections for utilities may be made only by DFM personnel. On occasion, repair work or construction projects may require temporary interruption of utility services. In the majority of these situations, affected campus departments will be notified in advance by electronic messaging. In emergencies, DFM will notify the Building Coordinators and/or the directors of departments in the affected facilities.

Vehicle Maintenance & Repair
DFM provides maintenance services for only DFM vehicles.

Window Cleaning
Building windows are cleaned on a scheduled basis by BSAs or by a contract service company. Window cleaning outside of the schedule may be performed on a reimbursable basis by submitting a Service Request to DFM.