

Working for You

Working For You is a quarterly communication from Facilities Management designed to share facility-related initiatives and encourage two-way communications.

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Let's Talk Trash!

Recent budget cuts resulted in a reduction of many routine custodial services. One area that was heavily impacted was trash removal. We have tried to be creative in providing solutions to those areas that have been most impacted, and we have many success stories thanks to our ongoing dialogue with you, our Campus customers.

In order to soften the impact:

- We visited with many stakeholders around campus to assess their needs and worked on individual issues.
- Custodial Services began placing extra liners in trash cans and asked for your help in bagging excessive trash and disposing of it in the exterior trash dumpsters.
- Customers have purchased extra trash cans to add more disposal capacity.
- We have worked with several campus departments that have inquired about scheduling extra trash collection.
- We've reinforced educational efforts in recycling, hoping to reduce the amount of solid waste that goes into the landfill.

We have gained efficiencies in our productivity through the use of automated equipment. This has enabled us to increase our trash collection in kitchen areas by one additional pickup per week.

If you are still experiencing issues with trash collection, please give Rob Rice a call at 949-824-9341. He'd be happy to work with you toward a solution.

With the end of the school year fast approaching, now is the perfect time to start thinking about lab or office clean outs. Our Facilities Management recycle team delivers blue barrels for you to put all your unwanted paper or recyclables (all plastics, books, metals, cardboard and unbroken glass). This service is available at no charge; just place an [online work order](#) to request your blue barrels. Once you are done, just let us know, and the barrels will be removed and the contents recycled.

Our overall Campus recycling diversion rate is nearing 85%! Thank you for helping us move items that can be recycled out of the waste stream. This accomplishment would not be possible without the efforts of concerned and dedicated individuals like you!

RecycleMania Results Are In!

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The final results for RecycleMania 2013 are in! UCI is in the top 4% of recycling programs in the nation, finishing in the top 10 in two of the eight competition categories among 411 Colleges and Universities nationwide.

UC Irvine ranked tenth place in the Grand Champion category, which measures the highest recycling rate for overall waste generation, and third place in the Gorilla category, which measures the highest gross tonnage of combined paper, cardboard, bottles and cans.

RecycleMania is a motivation tool to increase recycling success and promote waste reduction activities across campus communities. To see a breakdown of how we compared to the competition, please visit the [RecycleMania results page](#).

For more information regarding RecycleMania visit <http://recyclemaniacs.org/>, or if you have any questions, please contact Anne Krieghoff at akriegho@uci.edu or (949) 824-9097.

Central Plant High-Temperature Hot Water Tank



With the Central Plant approaching its 50th year, Facilities Management has been identifying critical needs for infrastructure improvement. Recently, we identified one such need with our High-Temperature Hot Water Expansion Tank. This tank is critical to our ability to provide high-temperature hot water to the campus for building heat and steam generation for both autoclaves and cage washers. An unplanned loss of the use of this tank would have a significant impact to the mission of UC Irvine. Due to this tank's importance, Facilities Management elected to extend our regularly scheduled quarter shutdown in March 2013. Although the original plan was for this shutdown to occur over five days, extensive planning and coordination among Central Plant staff, Project Management, Facilities Management's Engineering group and our contractor enabled us to reduce the outage to three days. This project is one example of Facilities Management's efforts to maintain reliable

utilities services to UC Irvine.

Expired Elevator Permit! Are UCI Elevators Safe and in Compliance?

The answer is YES! UCI has met this inspection requirement each and every year on time, every time. State law requires all elevators to be inspected annually. Upon inspection, only the State of California Elevator Unit can issue a permit to operate an elevator, much like the Department of Motor Vehicles issues a driver license. So, you may be asking yourself: Why is the permit posted in the elevator expired?

The State of California Elevator Unit is sometimes unable to keep up with the demand of issuing and mailing permits. If even one elevator were out of compliance, it would be shut down immediately and kept out of service until all compliance requirements were met. It's the law!

As long as our elevators are inspected as required and any repairs, tests or adjustments are performed in the time frame outlined by the State, we are permitted to operate the equipment until the new permit arrives.

Because safety and reliability are our top priorities, we actually go above and beyond what is required. In addition to the annual state inspections, we inspect and test our elevators every month to ensure that they are running properly.

The monthly inspections are performed by highly qualified licensed mechanics. We are diligent when it comes to preventative maintenance, so we can provide you with a trouble-free experience.

Our dedicated mechanics are on campus every day from 6 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and remain on call for emergencies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Although we work behind the scenes, rest assured we are here every day to serve the students, faculty, staff and visitors at UC Irvine.

Safeguard your Research!

Although Facilities Management strives to provide the campus with clean, reliable power, unexpected outages will occur. Ultra Low-Temperature (ULT) freezers, as well as other research equipment, are considered personal equipment and are the responsibility of the end users.

Consider safeguarding your ULT research with a web based alarm sensor, which would notify you via email if your freezer were to lose power. The approximate cost of a Sensaphone WEB600 is \$500, plus installation. This is reasonably priced when you consider the value of your research. Interested in a free estimate? Submit a request to the [Facilities Self-Service Work Order Request System](#) (UCInetID is required).

It is important to remember that Facilities Management does not have portable generators to supply loads not currently connected to emergency circuits. Operators of ULT freezers, or other apparatus containing critical research should have a backup plan.

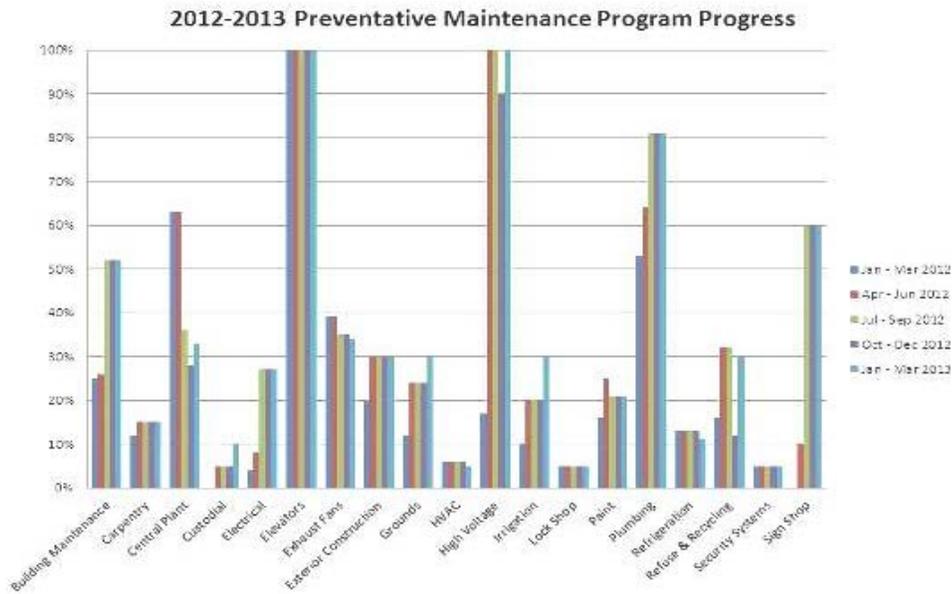
For more helpful hints on how to safeguard personal equipment visit: <http://www.fm.uci.edu/ampeater.html>

A Campus Beautification Project

We are painting the town...green! Greening of the campus even extends to hydrants! Our campus Fire Marshal has approved this effort!



Facilities Management's Preventative Maintenance Progress 2012-2013



Over the last year, Facilities Management has focused on accomplishing more preventative maintenance on the campus. Above is a bar chart of the progress. As more equipment and systems receive preventative maintenance, the campus will have fewer related failures.

Exit Sign Testing



The Facilities Management Electrical Shop will be testing interior exit signs. Per code, exit signs should be tested annually and should remain illuminated for 90 minutes.



Usually, exit signs are located at all exit doors, intersection of corridors, exit stairwells or ramps, and large conference rooms and suites.

A notice will be sent to the building Facility Manager as soon as possible prior to the testing in each building. Notices will be posted in building elevator(s). It takes approximately one to three days to complete a building.

Please contact John Walker, jwalker@uci.edu / 949-824-3646 or Amy Provorse, aprovors@uci.edu / 949-824-4589 with any questions.

Need to request a Facilities service?

Requesting a service takes only a moment. Submit an online request to the [Facilities Self-Service Work Order Request System](#) (UCInetID is required). You may also contact the Service Desk at fm-servicedesk@uci.edu or (949) 824-5444 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. In the event of an after-hours emergency, please call the Service Desk at (949) 824-5444 or Central Plant at (949) 824-5520.

[The Facilities Management Maintenance Funding Guide](#) can help answer questions regarding services we provide. This list differentiates between services that are centrally funded (paid for by state funds) for state-supported space and those services that are charged to the requesting unit. This list also provides a prioritization of services to help assist you in

managing expectations for the work we provide. The Facilities Management Maintenance Funding Guide can be found at http://www.fm.uci.edu/maintenance_funding_guide.pdf

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