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FACILITIES SERVICES

# FACILITIES SERVICES WEEKLY

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## Important Note for Uniform Cleaning Service

If you are using the uniform laundry service, please drop your uniforms in the cleaning bin the day before the scheduled pick up day. Cintas starts earlier and they don't want to miss getting yours.

## Shout Out to FS Arena and Softball Staff!

This past weekend, Food City Center hosted back-to-back events with a combined attendance total of 42,144 customers. Simultaneously, games were happening at Sherri Lee Softball Facility, and none of this would've been possible without the hard work and dedication of our Building Services, Maintenance & Repair, and Fire Watch staff who kept everything operating and in pristine condition. Huge shout out to those team members for their dedication!

## Student Assistant Scholarship Applications Due March 28

The application process for the UT Facilities Services Student Assistant Scholarship is now open! All eligible student assistants have been sent the application and subsequent reminders. Please remind any eligible students who report to you that they can turn these back in to Sam Ledford in person or via email anytime between now and the deadline of March 28, 2025.

## TNAPPA Webinar - Electrical Safety and Arc Flash - 4/2 at 2pm

As an employee of UT Facilities Services, you are currently a TNAPPA member! We would love to have you join us online for this free educational session presented by Barry Rhoads, Vice President at Win Engineering. The topic will be Electrical Safety and Arc Flash. The registration link is included below.

This session will be presented online (via Teams).

Duration: approx. 90 minutes including time for questions

When: April 2, 2025 01:00 PM Central Time

Register in advance for this meeting: <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/845675ac-04ea-47d3-944e-2369f18ea0f7@a45657c5-d996-48ce-803c-4267cb5ab373>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Don't forget participation in these webinars serves as HR 128 credit. Send your completed transcript to [fstraining@utk.edu](mailto:fstraining@utk.edu) and we will get the credit loaded to your transcript.



## BUILDING SERVICES

### Student Union:

- The men's dressing rooms were vacuumed and the carpet was cleaned.
- Union Station was swept and auto scrubbed.
- The back corridors were swept and mopped.
- Extra trash was pulled on the plaza last week from different events.
- Stain removal was done in 362.
- With multiple rehearsals and shows in the auditorium this week, extra time was spent keeping it clean.
- The ballroom carpet was vacuumed and spot cleaned due to multiple food/drink spills.
- Carpet square replacement in the ballroom due to stain.
- The removable stage had to be spot cleaned.
- Cardboard was worked on, and four bales were made.
- Weekend event trash removal
- IQ was used throughout phase 1 and first floor of phase 2 on the terrazzo flooring.
- Stairwells were swept and mopped.
- The overlook glass was cleaned in phase 2.

## OPERATIONS & LANDSCAPE LANDSCAPE SERVICES

- The recent weeks brought some mild temperatures which cause some of our trees and shrubs to nod awake a little: tulip bulbs poked out of the ground and buds began to swell; however, the cold weather inevitably returns and so it has. Rains came with colder weather and then some wind over the weekend. Arboriculture has continued with winter pruning but their attention has turned to cleaning up some wind-thrown trees.

- Landscape Ops has been busy implementing more landscape renovations along Volunteer Blvd and a new design at the east side of Strong Hall. Winter also requires us to stay on top of our snow removal equipment. With snow in the forecast, crews are getting equipment ready, loading ice melt and making plans just in case.

## MOVING & EVENT SERVICES

### Events:

- Smokey's Winter Jam at HSS Plaza
- Vol 106 - Vols Start Back Event at Hodges Library
- Vol is a Verb Event at Student Union Ped Walkway Bridge Section
- Homelands Campus Reception at McClung Museum Lobby
- Tennessee Cello Workshop at Haslam Music Center Atrium & 105
- Pancakes at Pendergrass at Vet Med TLC Concourse
- Chi Alpha Coffee & Questions at Student Union Ped Walkway Bridge Section
- Picked up and returned A-frame signage promoting Smokey's Winter Jam
- Set up Toyota Auditorium at Baker School for a meeting

### Moves:

- Moved furniture out of Melrose Hall E wing, and F wing to Silverstein-Luper for storage
- Picked up surplus furniture and delivered to Morgan Hall 218D
- Moved furniture from Stephenson Drive Recycling to Silverstein-Luper for storage



### MOVING & EVENT SVCS (CONT.)

- Moved cubicle panels & pieces from 1st floor stairwell Plant Biotech to room 412
- Picked up growth chamber from Plant Biotech and delivered to Austin Peay B111 for repairs
- Unboxed and assembled furniture for Andy Holt Tower room 635 and hauled away old furniture
- Moved palletted items into White Ave. Early Learning Center from a delivery that was left on sidewalk
- Picked up growth chamber from JARTU C111 and delivered to Austin Peay B111 for repairs
- Unboxed and assembled tables and chairs in Communications room 480
- Picked up purchased surplus furniture and other items and delivered to Student Services 211C

### SUSTAINABILITY

#### Set Up Internship Site Visits

- Tour & Volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank
- Trees Knoxville Site Visit & Behind-the-Scenes Tour at Tree Fest
- Pollinator Garden Visit & Volunteer Opportunity with a National Park Service entomologist
- Beardsley Community Farm Tour & Work Day
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore Tour & Behind-the-Scenes Info Session
- Tour and Q&A with Nourish Knoxville

#### Set Up Internship Career Workshops

- Interviewing Strategies Workshop
- Networking & LinkedIn Workshop

#### Upcoming Events from Our Office

- Completed - Arbor Day
- Environmental Leadership Awards - Monday, April 7, 6 PM | Student Union Ballroom B
  - [RSVP Here](#) | [Nominate Someone Here](#)

#### Upcoming Events from Our Office

- Environmental Future Symposium – Thursday, March 27, 2 PM - 6 PM | Ag & Natural Resources Ballroom & Plaza
  - [Sign up to table here](#)
- Earth Day Festival (with CEB & Office of Sustainability) – Tuesday, April 22, 11 AM - 2 PM | Student Union Plaza
- Earth Week with SGA - April 21st - April 25th
- Second Creek Cleanup (with Keep Knoxville Beautiful & Office of Sustainability) – Monday, April 21, 3 PM - 5 PM

#### Compost

- Compost deliveries: 26 yards to UT Gardens, 5 yards to Landscaping, 6 yards to Grow Lab
- Landscaping: 0 lbs
- Agriculture:
- Food: 31,943 lbs
- Grease Water: 12,000 lbs
- 1 Volunteer for 2 hours
- Animal Waste: 5,150 lbs

### MAINTENANCE & REPAIR

#### HOUSING

- Keeping up with all work orders in resident halls.
- Have completed the drain repair at Phi Kappa Tau.
- More vandalism at Hess Hall over the weekend.

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## ATHLETICS

- Neyland Stadium. General maintenance on getting ready for spring game, and on premium areas.
- Regal Soccer: General Maintenance and Prepping for Spring soccer.
- Lindsey Nelson Stadium: Doing general building maintenance and fixing repairs from the home game series this past weekend.
- Football complex: Doing general building maintenance and checking all areas for recruits and visitors. Making repairs for spring practices
- Sherri Lee Softball: General Maintenance and preparing for softball games.
- Allan Jones Aquatic: General Maintenance around building.
- Goodfriend Tennis: General Maintenance, and preparing for Tennis matches this week.
- Thompson Boiling Arena: General Maintenance and preparing for Basketball game and PBR Bull riding.

## DINING

- Repaired an ice maker chiller at the Student Union
- Repaired an exhaust fan at Stokely
- Repaired a bagel machine at Rocky Top Dining
- Repaired a cooler at the Laurel POD Market
- Repaired and recaulked sinks at Hodges

## ZONE 4

- Art + Architecture - worked on restoring power to 131 and toilet in the men's room on the 2nd floor
- Andy Holt Tower - worked on heat in 311
- Communications - Worked on heat in 314 and changed water filter on fountain across from Room 31
- Student Services - working on heat in 480
- McClung Tower - Working on sink in men's restroom on the 2nd floor
- Throughout Zone - General building maintenance

## ZONE 5

- General maintenance & on-demand work requests
- Completing evaluations
- Learning DASH, completing OSHA training and monthly PMs
- Keeping customer service and satisfaction #1

## ZONE 7

- No report received

## ZONE 8

- We have working to prepare for the Annual Roundup event at the Brehm Animal Science arena.
- We have been and are currently changing filters in several buildings.
- Our One-Call team remains very active with calls afterhours and weekends.
- We will be posting a position for our One-Call team on second shift soon.
- We are working with the contractors as we near the end of the warranty period for the ANRB Building.



### M&R SPECIALTIES

- No report received

### LOCK & KEY SERVICES

- Haslam Business – replace handle on exit door, desk drawer lock jammed
- Pi Beta Phi – replace batteries combo lock, kitchen door sticking
- Brehm – change codes combination locks
- Dabney – install combination lock
- Panhellenic -change exterior doors to construction cores
- Sorority Village Center – front exterior doors not engaging
- On Campus – Exterior Door Project – core changes
- Front Office – Processing key request, key pickup and drop off
- University Housing – many recores and repairs

### COMM & INFO

#### COMM & PR

- Send any photos of your work team that you'd like to see featured on FS social media directly to Sam at sjones80@utk.edu or 865-771-1531!

### TRAINING

- OSHA Training is now online! Go ahead and log into K@TE to complete your OSHA training as soon as possible for 2025. Failure to do so before June 30 will result in a freeze on administrative leave approvals until the training is complete.
- Training Calendar is available online! Visit <https://fs.utk.edu/comminfo/training/> to view upcoming training dates, times and information throughout the year. Check back often as new events and opportunities are added often!

### FS IT

- Conference Room Setups
- 2025 Computer Upgrade Program
- Investigate Printer lost in Shipping..
- Server Management
- DASH support
- Printer Installations
- Register/Troubleshoot SCADA Devices on UT Network.
- Order Network circuits for Campus SCADA Program
- Register Building Access Devices in NetReg
- Installed Video-over-Ethernet in Conference Room 114, Conference Room Upgrade Project is now Complete.
- Adobe Purchase

### UTILITIES SERVICES

#### A/C SERVICES

- No report sent

### BUILDING AUTOMATION

- Disable for contractors @ McCord Hall



### BUILDING AUTOMATION (CONT.)

- Assist with water meter break affecting the fire water @Vet School
- Assist the Morristown sprinkler with shutdown @ West Skybox
- FA Smoke detector set off by contractor @McCord
- Fire Watch Vols & Ladies Vol @ TBA
- Fire Alarm from sprinkler issue. Called Morristown @ Vol Hall
- Assist JCI with smoke detectors @ Laurel
- Check 3 dirty smoke detectors@laurel
- Assist Simplex @ McClung
- Monthly Fire Pump w/ Morristown @ IAMM & Brehm
- Assist Morristown with/ Fire compressor repair
- Dirty smoke @Hess Hall, Laurel,
- Dirty Duct detector @ CRC
- Replace smoke and base @Robinson
- Troubleshoot Lutron system @ Mossman
- Repair lighting dimming controller in monitoring center @ FSC
- Meter Reading @ Campus
- Work with AC controls to learn systems @ FSC
- Troubleshoot the Fiberoptic cable controlling the stadium field lights @ Neyland
- Work with contractors to identify and isolate lighting circuits for the 11th street bridge renovation @ campus
- Request network circuits for adding new building to BAS @ Campus
- Locate parts to repair old Lutron system at JIAMS
- Assist Contractor @ 11th street
- Troubleshoot MCC Buckets @ Music Chiller
- Adjust tamper switch on sprinkler @ FSC
- Installing a meter @ Student Services

- Progression Installed pedestal for crosswalk volunteer and Lake Loudon
- Fire Drills @ Dorms
- Assist Simplex @ Good Friend, Clarence Brown, Alan Jones
- FA Steam Leak @Panelnic
- Replace quazite box lid Lake Loudon@ Campus
- Replace batteries in fire panels @ Fred Brown
- White Ave & Lake Ave assists simplex @ Early Learning
- Assist Morristown with/ backflow replacement @ 1800 FRAT
- Troubleshoot VFD Motor @ Plant Biotech
- Assist contractor with Fire Alarm @ McCord Hall

### ELECTRICAL SERVICES

- No report received

### PLUMBING SERVICES

- No report received

### STEAM PLANT

- Cleaned the shop
- Check the fluids on all forklifts
- Steam yard walk-through (leak inspection)
- Maintaining air filters Sul Air compressor
- CAT generator test run
- Cleaned cobwebs off the fire floor
- Installed new fan motor on rooftop fan #1
- Installed new motor on rooftop fan #3
- Repaired broken lower garage door and lubricated chain
- Leaked repaired on the DA tank

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## IN-HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

- Agriculture and Natural Resource Building: Install cabinets 411; Display cabinet 219
- Anderson Training: Water and drain for Smokey's
- Architecture Annex: Make watertight exterior shell
- Austin Peay: Paint, carpet, furniture on 2, 3
- Campus: Support for dining operations; Locks for CEHHS rooms; Sidewalk repair
- Claxton Education: Paint, flooring, other renovations to 101 and 109A; Access controls for 101
- Communications: Renovate 001-017, 250/251, 294/295, 333 and 420; HVAC for WUOT 299I
- Dabney Buehler: Lab renovation 209-214; Polish concrete floor 633
- Dougherty Engineering: New sink 307A1; Sink M020
- ETREC Johnson Animal: Replace 2 blue phones; Construct dog park
- Facilities Services: Install monitors in 127; Digital signage on conf. rooms; Monitors in 122
- Fred Brown: HVAC, exhaust for food areas; Paint walls, stairways, etc.
- HPER: Paint B020; Mesh gates/offices B001, B002; Level floor 113, 120-124; Wall and door 143
- Haslam Business : Renovate 418 Anderson Center
- Hesler Biology: Renovate 104 and 105 for labs; Renovate 606, 608, 609; Install generator for greenhouse electric
- Hodges Library: Renovate 171 for Census Bureau; Sink and room alterations 209 and 211
- Innovation South: Electric connections for equipment
- Law Complex: Offices, conference rooms 212
- McCord Hall: Renovate for growth room B003
- Middlebrook Building: Modify door controls on 137; Offices on 1st floor
- Morgan Hall: Office renovations 105-112
- Mossman: Renovate labs 343 E & F, 351 E & F
- Nielsen Physics: Meeting space 604
- Perkins Hall: Renovate multiple rooms for BME
- SERF: Renovations for 103, 106, 108, 213; lab renovations 520 & 536; lab renovations 434, 438, 439; Lab renovations for cluster hires; 480 volt electric 610
- South and East Stadium: Emergency electric for weather station
- Strong Hall: Lab work 726A1
- Student Aquatic Center: Safety handles around pool pump motor pit; Electric for pool systems
- Tickle Engineering: Renovations for robotics lab A100; Build 3 offices in 502
- Vet Med: Electric & prep work for 2 new x-ray machines; Walls, doors, electric D118, B203; Add a blue phone
- Vol Hall: Electric for truck charger
- Walters Academic: Renovate A203 for storage
- Zeanah Engineering: Card reader \ Add access controls for 8 rooms; Lab renovations for cluster hires; Rad exhaust and moving hoods 1 and 2; Make 275 an office



- Facilities Services Complex Break Room & Shop Area
- Steam Plant (near time clock)
- Steam Plant Hill (Landscape Trailer)
- Hodges Library 1st Floor Service Hallway
- SERF Outside of Room 426
- The electronic employee comment box can be found at [tiny.utk.edu/fsccommentbox](https://tiny.utk.edu/fsccommentbox)

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# Eat Right

Food, Nutrition and Health Tips from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

## Eating Right on a Budget

Getting the most nutrition for your food budget starts with a little extra planning before you shop. There are many ways to save money on the foods that you eat. Here are some budget-friendly tips for eating right.

**Cook more, eat out less** Eating out can be expensive. Many foods can be prepared for less money (and more healthfully) at home. Pre-packaged foods, like frozen dinners and packaged pasta or rice mixes can also add up when you calculate the cost per serving. Find a few simple, healthy recipes your family enjoys and save eating out for special occasions.

### Plan what you're going to eat

Deciding on meals and snacks before you shop can save both time and money. Review recipes and make a grocery list of what ingredients are needed, then check to see what foods you already have and make a list for what you still need to buy. When shopping with a list you will be less likely to buy things that are not on it. To “Create a Grocery Game Plan”, visit [MyPlate.gov](https://www.MyPlate.gov).

### Decide how much to make or buy

Making a large batch by doubling a recipe will save time in the kitchen later on. Extra portions can be used for lunches or meals later in the week, or frozen as leftovers in individual containers for future use. Plus, purchasing ingredients in bulk is often cheaper.

### Determine where to shop

Check the local newspaper and online or at the store for sales and coupons, especially when it comes to more expensive ingredients, such as meat and seafood. While at the store, compare prices of different brands and different sizes of the same brand to see which has a lower unit price. The unit price is usually located on the shelf directly below the product.



**Shop for foods that are in season** Fresh fruits and vegetables that are in season are usually easier to get and may be less expensive. Frozen and canned produce are also good options and may be more affordable at certain times of the year. Look for fruit that is canned in 100% juice or water and canned vegetables that are labeled “low in sodium” or “no salt added”.

### Watch portion sizes

Eating too much of even lower cost foods and beverages can add up to extra dollars and calories. Use smaller plates, bowls and glasses to help keep portions under control. Fill half your plate with fruits and vegetables and the other half with grains and protein foods such as lean meat, poultry, seafood or beans. This is an easy way to eat a balanced meal while controlling portions and cost. To complete the meal, add a glass of fat-free or low-fat milk or a serving of fat-free yogurt for dessert.



### **Focus on nutritious, low-cost foods**

Certain foods tend to be less expensive than others. Make the most of your food dollars by finding recipes that use the following ingredients: beans, peas, and lentils; sweet or white potatoes; eggs; peanut butter; canned salmon, tuna or crabmeat; grains such as oats, brown rice, barley or quinoa; and frozen or canned fruits and vegetables.

### **Make your own healthy snacks**

Convenience costs money. Many snacks, even healthy ones, usually cost more when sold individually. Make your own snacks by purchasing large tubs of low-fat yogurt or cottage cheese and dividing them into smaller containers. For trail mix, combine unsalted nuts, dried fruit and whole grain pretzels or cereal; store small portions in airtight containers. Air-popped popcorn and whole fresh fruits in season also tend to cost less compared to pre-packaged items.

**Start a garden or visit a Farmers Market** A garden can be a lot of fun, especially for kids. It's also an affordable way to eat more fruits and vegetables. Plants can be started from seed or purchased at a low price.

Another way to increase your family's variety of produce is to visit a farmers market. Locally grown fruits and vegetables are often available for less money than at the grocery store. Check and see where the closest farmers market is in your area.

### **Quench your thirst with water**

Water from the tap is a low cost way to stay hydrated. Substituting plain water in place of sweetened beverages not only saves you money but may also help you reduce extra calories from added sugars.

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**To find a registered dietitian nutritionist in your area and get additional food and nutrition information, visit [eatright.org](http://eatright.org)**



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## CAMPUS EVENTS TO EXPAND YOUR BORDERS

### Global Engagement Summit

The Global Engagement Summit is an inspiring and interactive event dedicated to promoting international education and research. This summit is designed to connect university employees, students, and the wider community through a series of engaging workshops, keynote speeches, and networking opportunities.

Registration for the 2025 Global Engagement Summit is open now. Click [here](#) to register.

### Upcoming Environmental Leadership Awards

The annual Environmental Leadership Awards recognizes students, faculty and staff, and members of the greater Knoxville community who help to Make Orange Green through their environmental leadership. The awards are a collaboration between the Office of Sustainability and the Committee on the Campus Environment (CCE). The 2025 Environmental Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on Monday, April 7th.

Do you know someone who deserves to be recognized for their environmental leadership? Or are you planning to attend the ceremony? Use the links below to participate!

**Nominate a Candidate:** Submit your nominations for students, faculty, staff, or community members who make a difference in sustainability.

**RSVP for the Ceremony:** Let us know you're coming to celebrate these amazing leaders!