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People Purpose Pride Perseverance

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on our campus and community. The people of UK Facilities Management remain the "boots on the ground" for UK, providing the essential services needed to keep our campus safe, secure, and positioned to respond to the evolving crisis. The strength each of you demonstrate daily is inspiring and represents such courage and compassion. We are in this together and we will get through it together. Thank you for everything you do. – Mary Vosevich, Vice President for Facilities Management



Social distancing, including keeping at least six feet between people in all interactions, is the most effective tool we have in fighting the spread of the Covid 19 virus. Operationalizing this behavior has led to new requirements for how we conduct our work, such as only having one person per vehicle. This has caused a logistical challenge for the **Facilities Management Garage** in conducting repairs and regularly scheduled preventative maintenance on our vehicles. To address this challenge, Garage Superintendent **Marvin Whitt** has reorganized his team into two shifts which allows for repair and maintenance of vehicles after many of our teams have gone home for the day. The **Garage** has also coordinated with parts suppliers to ensure we have the equipment needed to complete this work outside of normal business hours. At left, **John Duquette** working on one of our vehicles.

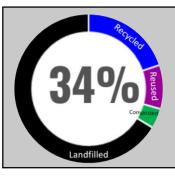


**Tim Meyers** is University of Kentucky's Waste Management Operations specialist. **Waste Management** is part of group within **Facilities Services** that also includes **Trucking** and **Recycling.** Tim oversees the maintenance and service of the 300 dumpsters and 42 compactors on campus. The University's response to the pandemic has impacted the frequency of service for many of these containers. Tim is taking this opportunity to conduct repairs and maintenance on dumpsters and compactors, clean the ones that have had lots of food waste in them, and ensure the hospital and clinics continue to receive a high level of service.



Many projects, both large and small, that **Facilities Management** oversees involve the work of independent contractors. While we strive to maintain some sense of business continuity and keep work and projects moving forward, the safety of our students, patients, and employees is our highest goal. Toward that end, **Facilities Management** has developed a **Contractor Protocol** to communicate our expectations to our partners during this unprecedented time. This **10-point protocol** includes requirements for contractors to practice social distancing, stay within their defined work sites, and follow on-site screening processes.

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## **Facilities Fact:**

In 2019, the University diverted (recycled, reused, or composted) **34%** of the waste produced on campus. UK's goal is to increase this diversion rate to **50%** by 2022.

The **Waste Management, Trucking, and Recycling** area, led by **Esther Moberly,** is responsible for pursuing this goal.

## **Covid 19 Resources:**

https://www.uky.edu/coronavirus/updates kycovid19.ky.gov cdc.gov