



DECEMBER 2012

Dear Facilities Services Team,

I want to offer my best wishes to you and your family as we approach the holiday season.

There is much to be thankful for and celebrate as we reflect on the significant impact our collective work has made this year within the University. Each of you has contributed individually and as a member of our team. I continue to receive praise regularly for the superb jobs you do. Let's continue to work to improve our many services.

Please be safe in your travels and activities this festive holiday season. I wish you health and happiness this season and throughout 2013.

Bruce Runberg
Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Services

Martin named Chancellor's Award winner

Each year, a select group of employees from throughout the University is honored with the prestigious Chancellor's Award. The awards were established in 1991 to recognize contributions made by employees based on meritorious or distinguished accomplishments, and over the years, many extraordinary individuals and achievements have been recognized. Facilities Services extends sincere congratulations to **Chris Martin**, Director of Energy Management, on being named recipient of this year's Chancellor's Award for Innovation.

Under Chris' leadership, the Energy Management department is leading a campus-wide energy conservation initiative that has reduced consumption on campus by more than \$16 million with a program-wide savings of 27% since July 2009.

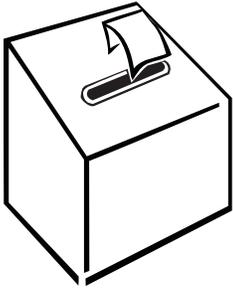
As one of 2012's recipients, Chris is also one of the University's nominees for the Governor's Awards for Excellence, the highest honor a state employee can receive.

Facilities Services is proud of Chris representing us and serving the campus community in such a professional manner – and for all of the accomplishments the University has achieved under the direction of Energy Management!

December Safety Topic

Pick your own shop/zone specific topic
or
pick a prior month's topic that you may have missed





From the Suggestion Box:

SUGGESTION: I suggest a US flag and a NC flag be placed at the Giles Horney Building.

RESPONSE: This suggestion has received a great deal of support, and Facilities Services is investigating the requirements to have a flagpole placed at a campus building. Follow-up to this suggestion will be provided when more is learned.

SUGGESTION: Change the “S” in Facilities Services’ TOP SERVICE from “Stewardship” to “Safety.” By adding Safety to our TOP SERVICE values, I believe that it would give a sense of priority and support to our safety culture.

RESPONSE: This suggestion will be considered when Facilities Services senior staff review the Division mission, vision and values in spring 2013.

Be safe on the road this winter!

Winter driving can be hazardous and unpredictable! Here are a few pointers concerning driving when temperatures drop that will help keep you safe this holiday season and throughout the winter months – whether you’re in your state vehicle or personal car:

Drive for conditions – slower speeds, slower acceleration.

Roads that appear dry may actually be slippery and dangerous. Take it slow when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges or shady areas – all are hot spots for black ice.

Leave extra room between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. And remember, the larger the vehicle, the longer the stopping distance.

Remember – four-wheel and all-wheel vehicles do not stop or steer better on ice! Four-wheel drive may get you going faster, but it won’t help you stop sooner.

Brake early, brake slowly and never slam on the brakes.

And a couple more cold weather reminders:

Cold weather reduces tire pressure, and under-inflated tires can significantly increase fuel consumption. For every 10 degrees Fahrenheit change in the outside temperature, tires’ air pressure will fall by about 1 pound per square inch (psi). Ensure your tires are kept at the recommended pressure – the proper tire pressure can be found on a sticker in the driver’s side door jamb.

And remember to refrain from excessive idling of service vehicles. Emissions from an idling vehicle are much higher than the normal level when operating the vehicle, and ten seconds of idling can use more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it.



Best wishes for a happy holiday season!

