

DID YOU KNOW?

- Dust mites are a member of the Arachnid family just like spiders and ticks.
- Dust mites just love areas that collect dust such as wall boards, carpets and mattresses.
- Regular vacuuming and dusting will keep dust mites to a minimum.
- Keeping your house below 75-80 degrees will help keep the dust mite population low.

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Environmental Services Newsletter

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Importance of Dusting and Vacuuming

The effects of neglecting to vacuum and dust furniture and heating vents, can lead to asthma, allergies and other safety related risks.

Acting as an environmental sieve, carpet fibers firmly clutch impurities from the air that we breathe. Without frequent ventilation of carpet, dirt build up and contaminants

begin to negatively affect the quality of air.



North American and European Dust Mite.

that accumulate in moist areas. As it grows, it can become harmful to an indoor environment.

Help our students, employees and patients live a clean and healthy environment. Dust and sweep regularly.

Remember that mold thrives on the everyday dust and dirt

Retirements in Facilities & Construction

Facilities and Construction is saying farewell to six of its members as they retire at the end of October.

- Judy Babula, Administrative Secretary
- Marvin Haas, Life Safety Technician
- Jack Goodwin, Groundskeeper
- Gene Hooper, Senior Business Manager
- Gary Majesky, Environmental Services
- Brodus Orr, Environmental Services

We wish them a wonderful retirement.



**University of Toledo
Medical Center**

*Flu Vaccines can
be received by
faculty staff and
students at Main
Campus Medical
Center, University
Health Services
and at one of the
vaccine clinics.*



UT Customer Service Certificate

University of Toledo are eligible to earn a UT Customer Service Certificate by participating in programs offered by the Office of Quality and Continuous Learning. This opportunity is a free benefit to UT Employees through HR and OQCL.

The certificate can be earned by attending the following seminars:

- *How to Give Exceptional Customer Service—Nov. 16th,*
- *How to be a Better Communicator—Dec. 13th*
- *Dealing with Difficult People—Jan 28th*
- *Emotional Intelligence—Feb. 16th*
- *Assertive Communication Skills—Mar 15*
- *Managing Conflict Constructively—Apr 12th*
- *Customer-Focused Quality—Apr 19th*

If you are interested in these or other courses offered by OQCL you should check out their website at http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/oqcl/Professional_Development.html.

Registration for these courses will require your supervisor's approval so be sure to check with your manager or director.

Employees Can Receive Free Flu Vaccine

It's that time of year again when the flu becomes a part of our work community. Once again, The University of Toledo will offer free flu vaccines to employees, staff and students. Included in this year's vaccine is the H1N1 vaccine so you will only need to get 1 shot unlike last year when 2 shots were needed.



**Pharm D student
giving a flu shot.**

Flu Vaccine Clinics

- Nov 2
8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Ingham Room | SU
- Nov 3
8:30 a.m.—Noon
Room 3018 | SU
- Nov 9
9:30 a.m.—Noon
Ingham Room | SU

Cleanliness is Important for Healthcare Facilities

Infectious agents are lurking on healthcare surfaces and may contribute to hospital acquired infection.

Proper cleaning is important in striving to eliminate these agents.

Hospital Acquired Infections (HAI)

- Deadly
- Frequent
- The bugs are everywhere
- 70,000 people in U.S. die each year from HAI

MRSA & Other Staph

- Like dry areas best
- Found in dust and surfaces
- Removed by damp dusting with hospital disinfectant on surfaces.

Inclement Weather | Weather Emergencies

Policy Number: 3364-25-14

The University of Toledo is committed to community safety and the continuation of essential operations during inclement weather emergencies or disasters. Only the President or his designee are permitted to declare a "Weather Emergency" for The University of Toledo.

Once an inclement situation has been declared, the University will communicate this information to employees through

- Local Media (Radio & Television)
- SNOW Hotline: 419.530.SNOW (7669)
- Email: Send out a campus wide email
- UT Alert: a text message to UT Alert subscribers
- Website

Time of Declaration

No later than 6:00 a.m.
No later than 10:00 a.m.
No later than 3:00 p.m.

Shift

7:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.
11:00 p.m.—7:00 a.m.



Environmental services employees are considered essential and should make every effort to come into work. Those employees who work on the Health Science Campus, your employee ID services as essential employee ID. Those employees who work on the Main Campus should have an "essential employee" identification card through the Associate Vice President of Safety and Health via the Lucas County Sheriff's offices. If you are not sure if you have been identified as an "essential employee" please check with your manager or the Director for Environmental Services.

Quote of the Month

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia (1925—1998)

US Author, Educator



We would like to say
farewell to
Cindy Klostermeier and
Sheryl McAvoy
who are no longer with
Environmental
Services.
You will be missed!



Rocket Recycling Service has worked hard over the past year to increase recycling efforts across the Main, Scott Park and Health Science campuses. Through activities such as Recyclemania, Spring Move Out, Rockets Recycle Tailgate Recycling Team as well as placing recycling bins in every building on every floor, our efforts are paying off. During FY 2010 recycled 842,853 pounds of material. This

phonebooks, confidential document destruction and shredded paper. This year we launched a new student

driven programs called *Rockets Recycle Tailgate Recycling Team*. Rocket fans who tailgate before home football games are give bags to place their recyclables in and encouraged to recycle. Wooden bins as well as a drop off area are proved for fans to drop off their recyclables on their way into the stadium. Resident halls are encouraged to recycle using contests and educational bulletin boards to teach students the importance of recycling. For more information about Rocket Recycling

Services, check out the website at www.utoledo.edu/facilities/recycling.



Hospital Germs

Word List

ACINETOBACTER
DISINFECTANT
DUSTMITES
FLU
FUNGUS
HAI
INFECTION
MDRO
MOLD
MRSA
STAPH
STREP
VACINNE
VIRUS
VRE

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