

December 15, 2017

TO: Campus Community

FR: Facilities Management

RE: **Campus Cleanup Plans, Thomas Fire**

Outdoor Ash Cleanup (as weather conditions and air quality permit)

While we want to remove the ash from campus in a timely manner, our highest priority is the safety of our workers. We will undertake safe clean-up activities only when weather conditions and air quality allow us to do so while safeguarding the safety of our workers. All workers involved in outdoor ash cleanup will be outfitted with appropriate protective equipment when undertaking these activities.

Through Campus Holiday Period

- A. Grounds crews are using a large drivable wet-vac sweeping unit to address parking lots, large open sidewalks and concrete gathering areas. For more confined open concrete spaces, a “chariot” single person wet-vac sweeping unit is being used. Areas directly adjacent to building entrances, areas around outdoor food service stations and concrete areas not accessible by these units will be addressed by light water hosing to remove the ash. This is consistent with the hazard abatement directives in the Goleta Water District Stage 3 Water Emergency Policy. **No mowing or blowing type equipment will be used.**
- B. Main Roads on campus will be cleaned by an outside vendor (A1 Commercial Sweeping) beginning Monday, December 18, 2017.

After Campus Holiday Period

- C. Grounds crews will continue with their operations to mitigate impact of ash conditions.

Indoor Ash Cleanup

Through Campus Holiday Period

- A. Custodial Supervisors will begin to assess their areas and identify indoor spaces that have been affected by ash. Supervisors will prioritize the areas for cleaning based on the severity of each location. During this period, Facilities Management custodial crew will be limited to approximately 40 percent of normal staffing due to the holiday break. Normal services will be reduced to general spaces, restrooms and corridors. As staff become available, custodial resources will be used to systematically address the areas that have been identified on the list.

After Campus Holiday Period

- B. Custodial staff will be coordinated to address general-assignment classrooms as the highest priority beginning on January 2nd to prepare for final exams. As resources permit, custodial services will concentrate their efforts on providing services for general spaces, restrooms and corridors as well as addressing priority areas impacted by the ash. In order to accomplish this, regular scheduled services will have to be reduced.
- C. For employees who choose to clean their own spaces, the Santa Barbara Public Health Department provides [safety guidelines](#).

If you have any questions regarding campus cleanup, please contact Jon Cook, Associate Director, at 805-893-5043 or jon.cook@ucsb.edu