

Policy for Care and Preservation of Sidewalks and Lawns

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Purpose of the Policy

1. The following are policies intended to preserve the university's investment in its facilities, specifically lawns and sidewalks. This policy applies to all university personnel as well as contractors/service providers and delivery persons. The University Police Department will enforce the following by any effective means at their disposal.

Streets

2. Motorized vehicles, registered by the state to be used on public highways, are to use asphalt streets. On the university campus, streets are defined as asphalt surfaces that exceed 20 feet in width. Walking tracks, such as exist around the softball field, are not considered streets. Neither is the walking track in the outback, nor the cart path between the Law Library and the soccer field. Walking tracks were not designed to handle the heavy load of motorized vehicles.

Sidewalks

3. Sidewalks are concrete surfaces. A limited number of sidewalks have been designed to carry the weight of motorized vehicles. These are considered heavy duty or Type II and are indicated on the attached map. Motorized vehicles are allowed on these sidewalks in order to provide emergency response (fire trucks and other emergency vehicles). Access to sidewalks for deliveries must be granted by the Physical Plant office in Treadaway Hall.

Controlled Access to Sidewalks

4. Bollards are used to control vehicular traffic on campus sidewalks in order to protect pedestrians.
5. Some Bollards are removable and may be secured with a padlock. The Physical Plant office in Treadaway Hall will grant permission and issue keys to delivery persons or contractor/service providers who require access onto campus sidewalks. Bollards removed must be replaced immediately after passing through.

Greenspaces and Lawns

6. The university has several types of lawns. The first type is the developed lawn with manual or automatic irrigation. We also have undeveloped lawns (natural fields) that do not have irrigation. Athletic Fields are special types of developed lawns.

7. All types of lawns are affected by motorized vehicular traffic. The heavy weight of motorized vehicles compacts the soil affecting the growth of natural grasses when soil conditions would otherwise be favorable. When the soil is wet, ruts and rough areas can also develop. Curbs also can be damaged when vehicles are driven over them.
8. University departments should instruct their delivery personnel and departmental members and guests to refrain from driving on lawns and greenspace.

Alternatives

9. When it is necessary to make a delivery to a building, wheel dollies or other means should be used rather than attempting to drive the motorized vehicle on lawns or pedestrian sidewalks. Wheel dollies are available in Central Receiving in Treadaway Hall.
10. The Physical Plant Housekeeping Division will transport equipment, materials, and supplies to campus buildings as a service to faculty and staff provided prior arrangements are made with the Superintendent of Housekeeping.
11. When is it necessary to drive on a lawn or greenspace, Mr. Michael Pankey, the Physical Plant Department Grounds Division Superintendent, must be contacted in advance. Sufficient time needs to be provided to flag the locations of sprinkler heads and underground valves in lawn areas. Mr. Pankey will advise the department of the potential for damage to the lawn and the resulting expense so the department can make an informed decision. The cost for the repair of any damage to lawns or greenspace will be passed on to the department who sponsored the activity. The repair may include filling in ruts, aeration, fertilization, and increased irrigation to return the lawn to its original condition.