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Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of the Estate Management Department's quarterly newsletter. In addition to our website (<https://www.mona.uwi.edu/emd/>) our newsletter is our way of letting you know what we are doing to meet the facilities management needs of the campus. It will seek to, among other things, raise awareness of campus-related facilities management issues and highlight achievements of the department. We invite your feedback via estatemanager@uwimona.edu.jm.

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The Estate Management Department welcomes new Estate Manager

The Department said farewell to Mrs. Kathleen Sambo, Estate Manager, on September 30, 2020 and welcomed Dr Devon Smith as its acting Estate Manager.

Dr Smith has served The University since 1995 in various capacities and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Department.

The managers and staff welcome him and look forward to working with him on this new journey.

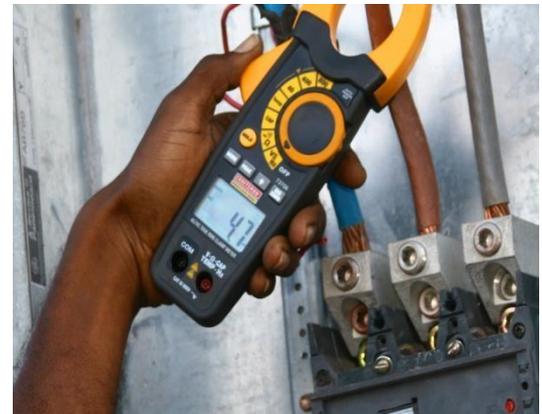
Welcome Sir!



Dr Devon Smith

Electrical Services assists in bolstering ventilation at the UHWI ICU

The expertise and resourcefulness of the Electrical Section was on full display when one of the air handling units at the Intensive Care Unit at the UHWI failed on October 9, 2020. In the midst of the COVID epidemic a failure of the ventilation system could negatively impact care to COVID-19 patients. The Estate Management Department was contacted and provided a mobile air conditioning unit which was installed by the Electrical Team in record time.



INNOVATION & INITIATIVES

EMD participates in E-Mobile Pilot

The EMD is part of a team exploring the implementation of an E-Mobile Pilot Project. Christopher Harty, Deputy Estate Manager, Technical, represents the Department. The pilot project is spearheaded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Growth and Job Creation. The Government of Jamaica is partnering with The University of the West Indies in implementing the project. Among other things, the pilot project seeks to examine and determine whether Jamaica is a viable country for the utilization of E-Mobility initiatives (electric vehicles). The EMD will be the first users of the electric vehicles and will provide case-study information for campus wide and, possibly, national implementation.



VEHICLE WASH & VACCUM

**DIAGNOSTIC SCAN

VEHICLE INSPECTION**

UNDER CARRIAGE WASH

**OFFERED TO ALL UWI STAFF & STUDENTS
UWI IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED**

VISIT US TODAY

Spotlight on Staff Member

Beautifully manicured grass, lush green lawns; meet the man behind the “zero-turn” lawnmower, **Winston Harris**. Winston joined the Estate Management as a casual labourer in 2002 and over the years performed various duties until he was assigned to operate the zero-turn lawn mower.

His typical day starts at 7:30 a.m. when he arrives at the Department, checks his machine and “saddles up” for the day. He then leaves the Department and trundles along to the far-flung lawns of the campus where he works his magic with the lawn mower.



When asked if he enjoys his job and what motivates him to come to work each day his face lit up like a candle. His response was, “Mi love mi job! Mi love when the people dem compliment me when the place look nice and pretty”. He likes the solitude of being out on his mower and insulated from all the “noise”.

Winston’s dedication to his job is such that even after experiencing serious health challenges last year he is now back on the job and continues to give his “full hundred”.

Of course, it’s not all perfect, and there are some challenges. There are also some changes that he would like to see. When asked what the challenges are, he responded that there are times that the machine does not function properly, and that affects his work. He would also like to have the tools and equipment he needs. “A likkle top up on the pay would be nice too!”, he quipped.

The EMD's COVID response to date

In March 2020 COVID 19 landed on our shores and life as we knew it changed for most Jamaicans. The UWI was not immune to the impact of this pandemic and was forced to change and adapt its operations to deal with the challenge. The EMD was front and centre in preparing the Campus to operate during this pandemic and spearheaded several Campus initiatives.



These included:

- Training the janitorial staff in cleaning and sanitizing, and the use of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Developing standards for the procurement of PPE for the Campus
- Procuring hand sanitizers, installing hand-wash stations and providing screen guards for employees who work in areas where people interact.

A graphic illustration featuring the silhouettes of a man on the left and a woman on the right, facing each other. Between them is a large, light-colored diamond shape. Inside the diamond, the words "social distancing" are written in a light, sans-serif font.

social distancing

Maintenance Tips

Mould Treatment

Mould on walls is often the result of excess moisture in the air, leading to condensation. Mould can be easily and effectively treated.

You will need:

- 5 gallon bucket
- Bleach
- Measuring cup
- Rubber gloves
- Safety glasses
- Scrubbing brushes (long handle and/or handheld)
- Garden hose with spray nozzle

Here's the procedure:

- Thoroughly water any plants near the area where you will be working. Protect larger plants by covering them with plastic sheeting.
- Add $\frac{3}{4}$ cup bleach to 1 gallon water in the 5 gallon bucket. For larger jobs, use $1\frac{1}{2}$ cups bleach added to 2 gallons of water.
- Pre-wet the surface to be cleaned with water.
- Apply the bleach and water solution to the surface with a scrub brush.
- Reapply as needed to keep the surface wet for 5 minutes.
- Rinse the treated area thoroughly.
- Let surfaces air dry.
- Re-water any nearby plants that may be getting run-off.



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