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James A. Jackson, Jr.

Commissioner, Department of Public Works



Hello, Team DPW!

Deputy Commissioner Fambrough and I send a resounding THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU, to each of you! We recognize the increased concern for safety as we operate in an environment where “stay at home” orders have been invoked by Mayor Bottoms. Even with this, our service is such that we are required to venture into potentially challenging environments. The outstanding manner in which you are doing your jobs speaks to your professionalism, training to operate in this environment, courage, commitment and above all, your safety training. We realize safety training is critical in keeping yourselves safe in addition to your loved ones once you have completed your mission..

Your commitment and dedication have not gone unnoticed by leadership and all those we proudly serve in the great city of Atlanta. For your sustained safety, please continue to follow precautions set forth by the CDC and contact your supervisor with any questions or concerns. Again, we thank you for all that you have done and all that you continue to do.

Sincerely,

Commissioner Jackson
Deputy Commissioner Fambrough

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Basics

Learn more at

bit.ly/cdcoronavirusbasics



Connect with Us: [ATLPublicWorks](https://www.atlantapublicworks.com)

“We Keep the City Rolling”

Department of Public Works Frontline Responders

Solid Waste and Fleet Services Continue to Serve During Unprecedented Times



Office of Solid Waste Services

As the COVID-19 Pandemic compels the world to rely on the devoted efforts of essential employees, the Office of Solid Waste Services continues to collect yard trimmings, recycling and garbage on a regular schedule. The safety of our customers, volunteers, communities and staff is our primary concern. For added safety, customers are asked to bag all garbage before placing it in the bins, and to ensure all bulk items are scheduled for collection prior to placing curbside.

“I want to truly thank the crews for taking time away from their families, and for the heroic hard work and dedication of keeping Atlanta clean during this time,” said Robert Whitehead, Public Works Manager Senior.

Office of Fleet Services

During this national public health emergency, the Office of Fleet Services (OFS) employees have stepped up to the challenge and successfully continue to “Keeping the City Rolling.” OFS continues to provide automotive services and ensures readiness for the City of Atlanta’s Police, Fire, Watershed Management, Public Works and Aviation Departments. Fleet Services’ seven repair shops and two express preventive maintenance facilities have maintained normal business hours since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. These facilities provide its customers with services necessary for the city’s automotive needs. OFS Parts and Acquisition’s Team is also working diligently to ensure repair parts, tires and fuel quantities are available during this crisis. Thank you to the often unsung heroes of OFS! You are appreciated!

KEEPING #ATLSTRONG

The City of Atlanta has activated a text message service for COVID-19 updates. Sign up by texting "ATLCOVID19" to 888777. Learn more at www.atlstrong.org



DPW SAFETY DIVISION

The safety and wellness of our team members is a top priority. Frontline workers, please wear the proper personal protective equipment (PPE) at all times. Also, let's ensure we are all adhering to the CDC's strategies for combatting stress and anxiety during the pandemic.



YMCA OF METRO ATLANTA CHILDCARE PROGRAM

YMCA sites across metro Atlanta are ready to provide high-quality childcare services for first responders, hospital employees, police department staff and other frontline workers. For more info, please visit www.ymcaatlanta.org/firstresponders/



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

#DPWReady365 is our year-round mantra. Whether its debris removal, special events and fortification, snow and ice and NOW a pandemic... we plan and are ready to respond. On behalf of Emergency Preparedness, we want to commend our teams for continuing to display excellence throughout the community. Trash collections and keeping city vehicles rolling are vital in the fight against COVID-19.

Continue to wash hands frequently, clean and disinfect hard surfaces, and avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. Show care and concern for your team members as we continue working together. Keep up the great work!



COVID-19 GOT YOU STRESSED?

Here's a couple strategies for combating stress and anxiety during the pandemic, provided by the Maxwell Mental Health Clinic

FOCUS ON WHAT YOU CAN CONTROL

It might be helpful to use a sheet of paper and draw a line down the middle. In one column list "Things I Can't Control" and in the other column "Things I Can Control." You can't control how the virus spreads around you, but you can control your prevention measures.

LIMIT EXPOSURE TO SOCIAL MEDIA & NEWS SOURCES

Constant reading/watching/listening about COVID-19 can exacerbate anxiety & stress.