

Georgetown's Contributions to Community Infrastructure and Services

In addition to contributing to the overall aesthetic experience in the Georgetown neighborhood through maintenance and upkeep of University-owned property, the University has also assumed, at its own cost, functions generally performed by the District of Columbia, such as trash, safety and snow removal.

Trash

In the fall of 2010, Georgetown University relocated trash and recycling containers for University-owned townhouses on 36th Street NW and Prospect Street NW to the rear of the properties. At the same time the University began collecting trash and recyclables from these properties rather than having residents place receptacles at the curb for pickup by the D.C. Department of Public Works. As a result, the sidewalks in front of these residences—which face non-University owned property—are clear and colorful with flowers in bloom. These efforts cost approximately \$26,000 per year.

Beginning in the spring of 2011, Georgetown University began Saturday and Sunday grounds patrols on O Street NW and Prospect Street NW from 37th to 33rd Streets NW. University staff collect and bag trash found on the sidewalks and streets in this area—for University and non-University properties alike—and dispose of it with University trash. The University spends approximately \$1,200 per month on this effort.

Finally, for over a decade Georgetown has assisted in bulk trash collection at the beginning and end of each semester, corresponding with student move-in and move-out, over a two-week period each time. The University also coordinates the donation of certain goods, such as furniture, clothing, and canned goods, to local organizations in need. While this program is primarily intended to collect student bulk trash, residents also make use of it and leave their bulk trash in alleys and on sidewalks for pick-up by the University. The bulk trash collection efforts cost approximately \$44,000 per year.

In total, the University spends approximately \$85,000 per year on the privatized trash collection efforts described above.

Safety

As discussed in detail in the Campus Plan, Georgetown University contributes to overall safety and security in the West Georgetown and Burleith neighborhoods through multiple Off-Campus Student Life programs. Most notably, the University privately funds three off-duty MPD officers (a “reimbursable detail”) and two Student Neighborhood Assistance Program

("SNAP") patrol cars on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights during the academic year as well as patrols during the summer months.

Emergency Medical Services

Georgetown students also contribute directly to improved safety and health care through a volunteer student-run ambulance organization that provides rapid-response treatment and transport for the University as well as surrounding neighborhoods. Approximately 100 calls each year come from residents of the surrounding communities and constitute approximately 12% of the service's annual call volume.

Snow Removal

Each winter, the University contracts with an outside supplier to provide snow removal for the streets in West Georgetown. The cost of this effort varies depending on the amount of snowfall and can range from approximately \$2,100 in a light year such as this past winter to approximately \$25,000 during the severe winter storms of 2009-2010.

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