

We'd like to update you of expanded efforts at construction noise mitigation during the upcoming Reading Day on December 12 and during the Final Exam period from December 13-21, 2011. We have worked diligently to ensure compliance, and appreciate your cooperation and engagement as we work together to limit the impacts of campus construction on our resident students.

Recognizing the importance of the upcoming Final Exam period, we are extending the prohibition on construction activities likely to be exceptionally noisy to 9:00am on weekdays (remember, workers can work from 7-9:00am during this time, but the work may not include activities that are defined below – also, regular work may commence after 9:00am). Additionally, work will not occur on Saturday, December 17, 2011.

To help clarify, “exceptionally noisy” activities are defined as: surface scraping and asphalt/concrete demolition; filling of dump trucks/dumpsters with large rubble or scrap metal (soil is permitted); jack hammering; driving of piles; repeated/continuous honking/idling in vicinity of residence halls, and; loud/boisterous outdoor conversations within close proximity to residence halls.

It has recently been suggested that “white noise” may be helpful to students who are attempting to sleep. Information on white noise and its potential benefits can be found at various internet sites, including: <http://www.howstuffworks.com/question47.htm> There are several free white noise options that you can run on your computers or smart phones, here's one we found: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/white-noise-lite/id292987597?mt=8>. If neither of these solutions are viable for you, please use contact info below to email/tweet us and we'll arrange to loan you a portable machine.

If you have questions regarding construction activities that have been prohibited during early hours due to their likelihood of resulting in exceptionally noisy conditions, please email either talktogw@gwu.edu or campaign@gwu.edu or tweet @GWDOSHelps. We also urge you to use any of these contacts if there has been a violation of these prohibitions (please share as much information as possible, especially time of day/type of noise) so we can immediately follow up with the construction team.

In closing, we greatly appreciate your patience and cooperation as we continue to make our alma mater a world-class institution and good luck on your finals! Don't forget to check out the additional study areas we created living.gwu.edu/studyzone

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