



The Municipal EcoLink

An e-bulletin from the NH Department of Environmental Services

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The Municipal EcoLink is a monthly e-bulletin designed to inform you of the latest environmental ideas, trends, grants, rules and more from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES). We respectfully request that the following is electronically distributed or otherwise made available to your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#).

Got Permits?

DES has updated the "Got Permits?" poster/guide for land development projects, to help quickly and easily identify what type of permit may be needed. Potential applicants are also encouraged to visit the DES website to access some easy to use on-line tools to determine if you need a permit. Both the *Got Permits?* poster and the on-line tools are available on the DES website at www.des.nh.gov, search for the Land Resources Management Program on the A to Z list.

DES Seeking Loan Pre-applications for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Nonpoint Source Projects

DES is soliciting pre-applications for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program. DES will hold a "State Revolving Fund Informational Meeting" on June 6, 2012 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to provide information to potential loan applicants about funding projects through the CWSRF and DWSRF programs. The meeting will include an overview of the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, as well as specifics on eligibility requirements, ranking criteria, loan conditions and application procedures. The meeting will be held at DES located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. Directions can be found online at <http://des.nh.gov/contactus/directions.htm>. There is no cost to attend, but please RSVP by May 30, 2013. To RSVP, please contact Laura Weit-Marcum at (603) 271-3307 or laura.weit-marcum@des.nh.gov.

Beach Sampling Starts May 28, 2013

Does your town have a public beach? Is it sampled regularly for bacteria? If your beach is sampled as part of the DES Beach Program (<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/beaches/>)

there are some great features for keeping up to date with the status of your beach.

All current advisories are listed at: <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/Advisories/Beaches/>. Very soon, a map will be on that page to show where the advisories are in New Hampshire.

The DES Beach Program also tweets every time an advisory is posted or removed at:

http://twitter.com/NHDES_Beaches

Anyone can subscribe to our beach advisory emails at: <http://des.nh.gov/media/enews/index.htm>, just select "Beach Advisories" as the newsletter of interest.

The most recent test results, reports and details on all public NH beaches are found at:

<http://www2.des.state.nh.us/DESonestop/BasicSearch.aspx>, just check the "Beaches" box and select any town of interest.

If you are interested in adding your public beach to our program, please contact the beach program at beaches@des.nh.gov or 603-271-0698.

Funding available for clean diesel projects

Through the federal Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA), NHDES has funds available for projects that reduce on- and off-road diesel engine emissions in New Hampshire. Eligible projects include early replacement of diesel vehicles, retrofit equipment that reduce diesel emissions and idle reduction equipment. Applicants are requested to submit project proposals to NHDES. Program details can be found at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/msp/diesel-vehicles/index.htm> or by contacting Felice Janelle, Air Resources Division at 271-4848 or Felice.janelle@des.nh.gov

Hungry? Interested in finding out more about propane and propane vehicles?

New Hampshire Outdoor Living Safety Day is this Thursday, May 23rd on the Capitol Building lawn in Concord. Propane enthusiasts will grill up and serve you spicy kielbasa, burgers and an award winning jambalaya (all free!) then send you to the propane vehicles display on the front sidewalk. The event is held from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Bring your appetite and your curiosity and have some fun!

The Granite State Clean Cities Coalition will be holding an electric car event on June 14, 2013 at Banks Chevrolet in Concord. This event is open to the public. Electric and hybrid-electric vehicles will be the topic and there will be vehicles on display (and test drive).

Where: 137 Manchester Street, Concord, NH

When: 9:00 am-11:30 am (refreshments from 8:30-9:00)

RSVP requested: Dolores Rebolledo (603) 271-6751 or dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov

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