



The Municipal EcoLink

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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 (DES). We respectfully request that the following is read into the minutes of your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well. Read *Municipal EcoLink* at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/ecolink/index.htm>.

2011 Solid Waste Facilities Annual Reporting Forms Now Available Online

Each year, permitted solid waste facilities are required to report their regulated activities to DES. The "Annual Facility Report" forms have been amended for calendar year 2011 activity to include all components required by the *Solid Waste Rules*; the forms can be downloaded from <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/css/index.htm>. (Please do NOT use the 2010 reporting forms because they do not ask for the same information.) Reports are due March 31, and can be submitted by mail, FAX (271-2456) or electronically, either as a PDF or email attachment, to: solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov. Send questions to solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov or call (603) 271-2925.

UNH/DES Pollution Prevention Internship Program

Is your municipality looking to do some energy efficiency or waste reduction projects? Do you have companies in your town looking for technical assistance to reduce waste, energy use or water consumption? Then consider promoting this program in your community or hiring a summer intern from the UNH/DES Pollution Prevention Internship Program. For more information about the program and to see results from past projects, go to <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/ppp/ppip/index.htm>

Local Source Water Protection Grants Available Again

The local source water protection grants are back, after missing a year due to budget reductions. Applications are at www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm. The deadline to apply is November 1, 2012. The grants are available to public water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, conservation districts, and state agencies. Grantees can receive up to \$20,000 to protect public drinking water sources through improved watershed planning, delineation of protection areas, assessment of threats to water supply sources, implementation, source security and conservation. For more information, contact Johnna McKenna at (603) 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov.

Meeting Highlights Vulnerability of Infrastructure to Storm Surge and Sea Level Rise

The Coastal Adaptation Workgroup will host a community meeting on Feb 23, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Hampton Falls Library for emergency managers, town officials and residents from Hampton, Hampton Falls and Seabrook. The meeting will showcase the maps produced and the economic analysis of the vulnerability of community infrastructure to storm surge and sea level rise hazards around Hampton Harbor. This project is funded by an USEPA Climate Ready Estuaries grant to the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, with modeling work done by Dr. Sam Merrill of the New England Environmental Finance Center. To learn more about this project, please go to <http://nh.stormsmart.org/>.

March 23 Watershed Conference at Plymouth State U.

The 2012 New Hampshire Water and Watershed Conference is designed to meet the information and networking needs of municipal board and staff members; elected officials; local and regional planners; scientists; educators; consultants; students; lake, river and watershed groups; environmental organizations; volunteer monitors; and policy makers. Co-sponsored by DES, PSU and many others. For more information, contact June Hammond Rowan at the Center for the Environment, Plymouth State University (603) 535-3179, or go to <http://www.plymouth.edu/center-for-the-environment/2012-nh-water-watershed-conference/>