



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 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. Read *Municipal EcoLink* at:
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/ecolink/index.htm>

Would Your Solid Waste Facility Host a Workshop?

The DES Solid Waste program would like to partner with one or more municipalities to host a training workshop at its transfer station or solid waste facility. The workshop will involve a simulated inspection by a DES inspector. Participation in the workshop will give operators credit for annual recertification. The best facility for this type of exercise should have a large, covered area where the group can congregate out of the heat or rain. Please email us at solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov if your town would like to volunteer for this event, so we can determine the best locations. DES will visit the volunteer host facilities prior to the workshops to identify any major issues and to avoid any "surprises" before the event.

Bacteria Source Tracking Workshop: Methods for Identifying Illicit Stormwater Discharges in your Town

DES is co-sponsoring a workshop for municipalities on **August 8**, 8:30 a.m. to noon on bacteria tracking methods and strategies at the DES Coastal Office, Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Portsmouth. The workshop will include live demonstrations using dogs trained to "sniff" out human sources of bacteria; panel discussions describing municipal approaches for source tracking; and presentations about source tracking methods. Limited to 60 people. Register by August 3 to Emily DiFranco, FB Environmental Assoc., at emilyd@fbenvironmental.com or (603) 343-6311.

Apply for Your Local Source Water Protection Grant

DES is still accepting applications for this year's round of local source water protection grants. Go to http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm for an on-line grant application. 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.

NH Water Sustainability Commission Seeks Public Input Through July 31

The New Hampshire Water Sustainability Commission is seeking feedback via a written public comment period regarding how New Hampshire residents envision managing the water challenges faced by the state over the next 25 years. The Commission will be using this information, along with reports from other public engagement opportunities, to develop recommendations for what must be accomplished to ensure clean, plentiful and affordable water in the state. Comments may be submitted to the Water Sustainability Commission via the following link until July 31, 2012:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NHWaterSustainabilityCommission>

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