



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>

DES Announces Meeting and Available Funding for Clean Water Projects

DES announces the solicitation of pre-applications for wastewater, stormwater and nonpoint source projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program, and is holding an informational meeting on Friday, **June 15** from 9 am to 12 pm at DES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord.

The CWSRF is a low-interest loan program to assist communities with the planning, design, and construction of eligible water pollution control infrastructure projects. Borrowers are typically municipal or other local government entities. Most communities with publicly owned wastewater systems or unlined landfills are eligible to apply for a loan to improve their wastewater system or close their landfill. Projects that address stormwater or nonpoint source pollution problems may also be eligible.

The informational meeting will include an overview of the loan program, as well as specifics on eligibility requirements, ranking criteria, loan conditions, and application procedures. There is no cost to attend, but please contact Laura Weit-Marcum at (603) 271-3307 or laura.weit-marcum@des.nh.gov to see if room is still available. See http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/srf_preapp.doc for more information.

Management Training for Wastewater Utilities to be offered in 2013

DES, in partnership with the NH Water Pollution Control Association, will be hosting a training program for wastewater managers and supervisors. This program will be held once a month from March through November 2013 in Concord. Topics include public speaking, regulatory environment in New Hampshire, employee relations, conflict management, and budgeting. A limited number of applicants will be selected for this program. Applicants must complete an application and submit it to DES by October 31, 2012. See <http://www.des.state.nh.us/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/boot-camp-app.pdf> for an application form.

Fats, Oils and Grease Overflows

Does your community have sewer overflows caused by fats, oils and grease? These fats, oils and grease (FOG) come from restaurants and other food service establishments. Over time, FOG can clog pipes and cause raw sewerage overflows to spill into streets, creating public health hazards and costly cleanups! Before this happens in your community, put a systematic program into place designed to reduce or eliminate FOG-induced sewer overflows. Ray Gordon in the DES Wastewater Remediation Bureau can assist your municipality with on-site technical assistance. Contact him at ray.gordon@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-3571 for more information.

On-line Resource Helps Local Gov't Officials Find Solutions to Environmental Issues

The Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN), at <http://www.lgean.org>, provides on-line environmental management, planning, funding, and regulatory information for local government officials, managers and staff. LGEAN is not intended to provide on-site compliance assistance, but to give easy access to information and tools. In an effort to reach all local governments, LGEAN also manages a toll-free telephone service at (877) 865-4326. This is a national non-profit organization, supported by USEPA.

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