



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>

Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification Form Change

In May, DES released a new wetlands minimum impact forestry notification form. DES is no longer accepting outdated versions of wetlands permit applications and notification forms. All current forms have a "valid until 12/31/2012" within the footnote. Copies of current forms can be downloaded from

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/index.htm> .

Attention Municipal Officials: Do You Provide DES Permit Applications?

If your office provides DES Land Resources Management programs (LRM) permit applications to the public or submit permit applications to DES, please take a moment to discard old LRM permit application forms and ensure you have the newest versions. **This pertains only to DES Alteration of Terrain Bureau, Subsurface Systems Bureau, Wetlands Bureau and Shoreland Program permits.** All current LRM application forms are available at their respective DES web pages and have "valid until 12/31/2012" within the footnote. The next scheduled round of updates will occur on January 1, 2013. For more information about LRM programs, please see <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/lrm/index.htm>.

State Announces Its 2012 Fall Drawdown of Lakes

The annual fall drawdown of the lakes and ponds controlled by dams owned by DES will be initiated according to the schedule available at <http://des.nh.gov/media/pr/2012/documents/20120910-lakes-drawdown.pdf> . The depth of drawdown listed is from the normal full pond level, not necessarily its current level. Since the conditions and uses of these water bodies vary, the degree and date of the start of drawdown for each lake vary, and could be affected by the amount of rainfall during the period. Lake drawdowns are conducted each fall to reduce winter ice damage to shoreline properties and to reduce spring flooding. Drawdowns also give property owners an opportunity to conduct any necessary repairs to their waterfront property, provided they first secure a permit from the DES Wetlands Bureau at (603) 2712147.

Sept. 27 – Next in the series "Water, Weather, Climate and Community"

The NH Coastal Adaptation Workgroup will hold its next presentation on climate and community preparedness for severe weather events, "What Does Adaptation Look Like?" on **September 27** from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland, NH. The workshop is designed for community volunteer boards and committees, municipal staff, community organizations, businesses and homeowners. Learn about different approaches to adaptation planning and specific adaptation examples being applied in New Hampshire. The workshop is free, but space is limited. To register, contact Steve Miller at steve.miller@wildlifenh.gov or (603) 778-0015. Workshop flyer at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/calendar/2012/documents/20120927-workshop-v.pdf> .

Management Training for Wastewater Utilities to be offered in 2013

DES and the NH Water Pollution Control Assoc. are again offering a training program for wastewater managers and supervisors. It will be held once a month, March through November 2013, in Concord, N.H. Topics will include the regulatory environment in New Hampshire, conflict management, budgeting, employee relations and public speaking. Applications must be completed and submitted to DES by **October 31**. A limited number of applicants will be selected. Application forms and information are at <http://www.des.state.nh.us/organization/divisions/water/wwwb/documents/boot-camp-app.pdf>

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