



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. You may read past issues at [The Municipal EcoLink](#).

Solid Waste Facility Annual Reports Are Due

Towns are reminded that their 2012 Annual Solid Waste Facility Reports are due to DES by March 31. Forms are available at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/index.htm> or by contacting solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov

Find Out How Your Community's Water Rates Stack Up?

The 2012 Drinking Water system rate survey was recently completed. The new annual average rate is \$414.77. Three out of four communities increased rates in the last five years. Over 50% of communities surveyed are charging less than half a percentage of their own median household income. Read the full report here: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/documents/2012-water-rate-survey.pdf> Contact Adam Torrey with questions or comments: (603) 271-2950 or adam.torrey@des.nh.gov

5th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference

Save The Date - The NH Local Energy Work Group is hosting the 5th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference on April 13th, 2013 at Winnisquam Regional High School in Tilton, NH. This full-day training and networking event highlights local energy projects, planning and solutions for representatives from local energy committees, municipalities, schools, counties and energy efficiency/renewable energy enthusiasts. Registration opening soon. Learn more at nhenergy.org.

Don't Forget the Asbestos Inspection

As Spring approaches and homeowners think about renovations and home improvements it is appropriate to remind homeowners of a requirement to have an asbestos inspection performed prior to undertaking any building renovations or demolitions to buildings. The website below links to a brochure about asbestos renovation and demolition.

http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/ard/documents/asbestos_brochure.pdf

Water, Weather, Climate and Community Series

Join the New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup in the sixth of a series of community conversations about climate and preparedness for severe weather events. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, February 27, 2013; 5:00-8:30 p.m. at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center at the Great Bay Discovery Center in Greenland, N.H. Get directions at <http://www.greatbay.org/visit/index.htm> Find out more and see a draft agenda by viewing the workshop flyer at <http://nhblog.stormsmart.org/files/2013/01/workshopVIIflyer1.pdf> There is no charge for the workshop, but space is limited. A light dinner will be provided. Please register by February 24 to Steve.Miller@wildlife.nh.gov or 603-778-0015. Include your name, affiliation, contact information, and any special accommodation needed.

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