



## 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 (NHDES). 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](#).

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### **Prevent pollution, accidental poisonings and drug abuse**

Discard your unneeded household medicine at a local law enforcement office on April 27th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. See [http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html) for more information and collection locations throughout New Hampshire.

### **NHDES Drinking Water Protection Conference in Concord, NH - May 1**

Register to attend the NHDES 2013 Drinking Water Source Protection Conference on May 1st from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. This event will begin with opening remarks from NHDES Commissioner Tom Burack, followed by a review of the findings of the Governor's Commission on Water Sustainability, a discussion of climate and energy development risks to drinking water resources and a status report on land conservation in New Hampshire. The event will feature policymakers, scientists, water supply managers and local officials, who will present their work and views on a range of topics in smaller afternoon breakout sessions. These topics include watershed management, septic system evaluation and municipal code, case studies of low-impact development (LID), review of state and municipal authorities under RSA 485-C (NH's Groundwater Protection Act), as well as studies on chloride contamination and low dose arsenic occurrence in groundwater. To register, visit the American Ground Water Trust website (our event partner) at [www.agwt.org](http://www.agwt.org) or contact Garret Graaskamp ([garret@agwt.org](mailto:garret@agwt.org)) at the American Ground Water Trust (603-228-5444) or Pierce Rigrod ([Pierce.Rigrod@des.nh.gov](mailto:Pierce.Rigrod@des.nh.gov)) at NHDES (603-271-0688).

### **Free Workshops on Best Management Practices for Solid Waste**

NHDES will hold a series of free workshops across the state this spring to talk about best management practices (BMPs) for solid waste. These workshops are intended for solid waste operators as well as town officials and will cover issues related to proper management and storage of materials and financial incentives for recycling. Workshop dates will be advertised on the NHDES web site at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/workshop.htm> once they are finalized. Contact Nelson Ordway at 271-2925 ([nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov](mailto:nelson.ordway@des.nh.gov)) for more information and to register.

### **Free "Button Up NH" Weatherization Workshop**

Register to attend a free "Button Up NH" workshop on Monday, April 1, from 6:00 pm to 8:15 pm, at the South Congregational Church, 27 Pleasant Street, Concord NH 03301. Learn basic building science concepts; do-it-yourself air sealing, insulation and conservation measures to reduce fuel and electricity use. Workshop attendees will learn how to sign up for Home Performance with Energy Star (HPwES) - a program offered by Liberty Utilities Natural Gas and NH electricity providers that offers up to \$4,000 in financial incentives and technical expertise to assist homeowners with buttoning up their homes. "Button Up NH" workshops are free and open to the public. Registration for this event is encouraged but not required. To register you can e-mail Zak Brohinsky, [zak@plymouthenergy.org](mailto:zak@plymouthenergy.org) or Jason Teaster at [jteaster@forestsociety.org](mailto:jteaster@forestsociety.org).

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