



## 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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### **Clean Diesel Project Grants NOW AVAILABLE**

NHDES announces the availability of federal Diesel Emission Reduction Grant (DERA) funds through the Air Resources Division. This is a continuation of the popular federal grant program that began in 2008. To date, NHDES has awarded over \$900,000 for projects ranging from idle reduction equipment retrofits to new vehicle purchases. For more information, click [here](#), or contact [Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov](mailto:Felice.Janelle@des.nh.gov).

### **Salt Applicator Certification Now Available**

As a result of recent legislation, a voluntary salt applicator certification is available for commercial salt applicators that have completed the UNH Technology Transfer Center's Green SnowPro training program. Administered through DES, the goal of the program is to maintain safe parking lot and driveway surfaces using the least amount of salt. Under the new law, commercial salt applicators using best management practices and keeping proper records - or property owners who hire them - are not liable for damages arising from snow or ice. Municipalities concerned about salt reduction are encouraged to refer commercial salt applicators operating in their town to the program, and to advise commercial property owners that the law limits their liability if they hire certified salt applicators for winter maintenance.

For more information please visit [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) and see "Salt Reduction Initiative" under the A-Z list or contact Earle Chase, NH DES [earle.chase@des.nh.gov](mailto:earle.chase@des.nh.gov) or 603-271-5329

### **Granite State Clean Cities Coalition Meeting**

The Granite State Clean Cities Coalition is holding a meeting on December 6, 9:00-11:30 a.m., DES Offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord. All are welcome, and municipalities may be interested in the following presentation: Rob Lynds of Tri State Truck Center will present on "Optimizing Fleet Performance in the Winter Months." Want to get the most out of your fleet this winter? Rob will provide the do's and don't of winter care and operation for your medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. Please RSVP to Dolores Rebolledo (603) 271-6751 or [dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov](mailto:dolores.rebolledo@des.nh.gov)

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