



## 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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### Stop By and Say "Hi"

NHDES will once again have a booth at the upcoming New Hampshire Municipal Association's Annual Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester on November 6 and 7. This year we will be at booth #701. If you are attending the Conference, swing on by and say "Hi," and say you heard we were going to be at the Conference via our EcoLink newsletter.

### New Publications Describe Active Recreational Boating in Northeast Coastal and Marine Waters

Economic impact charts, downloadable data, and dozens of interactive maps are now available that help describe marine recreational boating for each state in the Northeast, including New Hampshire. Using information from a recent survey, the online publications are user-friendly tools for municipalities, ocean planners, the boating industry and others interested in better understanding inshore and offshore recreational boating in the region. Learn more at [www.neboatersurvey.org](http://www.neboatersurvey.org).

### Gaseous Fuels & Hydrogen Powered Vehicles Training

The Fire Instructors & Officers Association of New Hampshire is pleased to announce training on Gaseous Fuels & Hydrogen Powered Vehicles. Gain important knowledge and skills to help safely deal with alternative fuel vehicles! When an incident involves an alternative fuel vehicle (AFV), you must achieve balance between speed and caution because many potential hazards are present. This training provides you with the knowledge needed to confront incidents involving AFVs. The day-long program, presented by the National Alternative Fuel Training Consortium, will be held at the New Hampshire Fire Academy on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2013.

Thanks to grant funding provided by the Fire Academy, the Department of Environmental Services, the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition, and the US Department of Energy, tuition is only \$15.00 per student. Space is limited to 25 students, so please register immediately. All applications must be received no later than November 27, 2013. For additional information contact Chris Johnson, (603) 966-7905 or [foianhtraining@comcast.net](mailto:foianhtraining@comcast.net).

### Asset Management Planning Grant Program

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is pleased to announce the second round of the Asset Management Planning Grant program. This grant is intended to assist community water systems in developing an asset management plan. The program will provide community water systems a 50% matching grant up to \$15,000 to hire a consultant to conduct asset management initiatives.

Applications will be accepted until November 22, 2013. Eligible systems include Community Water Systems serving a population of 500 or greater. An information packet and application are available on the DWGB website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/index.htm> under Hot Topics.

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### Municipal Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grants Available

NHDES is currently accepting Household Hazardous Waste Collection grant applications for fiscal year 2015 (July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.) The application deadline is February 1, 2014.

The Household Hazardous Waste Program hopes to reach as many residents as possible through their municipalities to reduce the health & environmental risks posed by household wastes and unwanted chemical products. The amount of \$200,000 was approved for the FY 2015 budget and will be available for municipalities to collect, transport and dispose of household hazardous waste. Cities, towns, solid waste

management districts and planning commissions are all eligible to apply. The grant will cover up to 50% of the total cost of the project (based on total population). A matching contribution of at least 50% is required. Funds will be disbursed as reimbursement for expenses incurred.

A copy of the Grant Application and its corresponding Cover Letter can be downloaded from the NHDES web-site at: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/documents/hhw-collection-app.doc>

Applications can also be received via e-mail by sending a request to [hhw@des.nh.gov](mailto:hhw@des.nh.gov) or in writing to: New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Attention HHW Coordinator, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095. Any questions or concerns may be directed to the Household Hazardous Waste Program at (603) 271-2047.

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