



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](#)

Solid Waste Facility Operator Training

NHDES is offering one workshop for Solid Waste Facility Operators on Thursday, September 10, 2015 from 1:00-4:00PM entitled, "Afternoon at the Movies." We will show documentaries about waste management and discuss their relevance here in New Hampshire. This is the only workshop NHDES will offer for the rest of 2015 and space is reserved for Solid Waste Facility Operators who have certification expiration dates on or before December 31, 2015, and have not already taken 2.5 hours of continuing professional development. To reserve a seat at this workshop, please contact us at (603) 271-2925.

New Hampshire Bicycle and Pedestrian Conference

A full day of networking, planning, collaboration with NH and National experts in planning and design of infrastructure to support walking and biking -- all taking place in Concord, NH, September 30, 2015. Registration and information: <http://www.bwanh.org/events/nh-bicycle-and-pedestrian-transportation-conference/>

Please Share with School Administrators

Free EPA Webinar: ***Changing How We Think About Our Resources for a Better Tomorrow: How to Donate Surplus Food from K-12 Schools*** - September 17 @ 1:00 – 2:30pm.

Click on this link to register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9090418359952984578> This U.S. EPA-hosted webinar will show K-12 schools how to improve their bottom line, feed hungry people, and reduce wasted food by learning from schools engaged in surplus food donation from school cafeterias. Also, the USDA will clarify its food donation policy and the legal implications of surplus food donation.

National Drug Take Back Day, September 26

A National Drug Take Back Day will occur on September 26, 2015 from 1000AM-200PM. Instructions for law enforcement officials on establishing a collection location that day as well as a list of locations already registered to participate can be found at http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html A list of permanent drug collection drop boxes in local police stations can be found at <http://doj.nh.gov/criminal/documents/prescription-drug-drop-box.pdf>

Registration Now Open for Healthy Homes Conference, October 27

Registration is now open for the annual New Hampshire Healthy Homes Conference being held at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH on October 27th. Breakout session topics will include: Drug Paraphernalia in the Home, Preventing Mold in Your Home, Home Fire Safety, Bedbugs (creating an "island"), Safety for Home Visitors, and Meth Labs. The keynote speakers included are: Murray Banks, Ellen Tohn, and Mary Jean Brown. To learn more about the agenda and costs, visit http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eam7ex3z682b19ca&llr=dkuq6geab&showP_age=true

2016 Local Source Water Protection Grants -Application Available Now!

Project funding is available from the NHDES to develop and implement programs to protect existing sources of public drinking water. The grants are available to water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, conservation districts, and state agencies. Applicants can receive up to \$20,000 for projects to protect drinking water sources, including watershed planning, delineation of protection areas, assessment of threats to water supply sources, implementation, and source security. **Applications are available at:** http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm

Please contact Pierce Rigrod at 271-0688 or pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal. **Due November 2, 2015**

Asset Management workshop to be offered in November 2015

NHDES is hosting its 2nd annual Asset Management Workshop-"The Art of Momentum" at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH on November 5, 2015. This training will provide Water and Wastewater operators & managers with means and methods on how to keep the momentum going in order to sustain an asset management program. There is going to be ample opportunity to discuss your ideas and network during the breakout sessions throughout the day. Registrations must be completed and submitted to NHDES by October 23, 2015. Forms and information are at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/asset-managment/categories/training.htm>

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