



## 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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### Continuing Professional Development for Solid Waste Operators

The Northeast Recycling Council (NERC)/State Electronics Challenge will offer a free webinar from 2 -3 p.m. on January 12, 2016 entitled "What's the Fuss about CRT Glass? You may have read and heard stories in the past several months about stockpiles of CRT glass and abandonment of the material by recyclers. But, what's going on and why? And, what should you be thinking about when you send your electronics for recycling? A distinguished panel of experts will explain what's going on and why, and address the important topic of "what can we do." To register, go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/573619106288072705>

### 2016 Solid Waste Operator Training Continuing Education Classes

For renewing Solid Waste Operators, NHDES will hold two workshops in early 2016.

January 21, 2016, 9 a.m. - Noon: Morning at the Movies (Repeat)

NHDES will show documentaries about waste management and NHDES staff will discuss how the topics from the documentaries relate to us here in New Hampshire.

February 25, 2016, 9 a.m. - Noon: Used Oil, Part II

NHDES staff will discuss used oil management at solid waste facilities. Topics will include: why used oil is regulated; who from your community may bring it to your facility; used oil grants and a review of the BMPs for used oil.

These are currently the only two workshops available, so we encourage operators whose certification will expire before March 31 to attend. Continue to check this website for additional information. Please contact us at (603) 271-2938 or at [solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov](mailto:solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov) to reserve a seat at one of these workshops. Please visit the NHDES Solid Waste Facility Operator Training & Certification Program's website at: [des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/index.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/index.htm) for more information about the Program.

### Household Hazardous Waste Grants Applications

NHDES is now accepting requests for applications for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grants for State Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017). This will be your only opportunity to obtain a grant this coming fiscal year.

Costs eligible for reimbursement include contractor HHW disposal costs and an educational campaign addressing source reduction, reuse and recycling of household hazardous waste. Grant requirements give highest priority to applicant communities or groups of communities serving the greatest population, operating a permanent HHW facility, providing access to multiple collection events, or to new applicants.

The deadline for submitting a completed grant application is February 1, 2016. Grant application packages will be available on the NHDES website at:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/categories/forms.htm>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dean Robinson at 271-2047, or by email at [hhw@des.state.nh.us](mailto:hhw@des.state.nh.us)

### NHDES Offering Financial Incentives for Asset Management Programs and Energy Audits

The NHDES Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is offering subsidy in the form of loan principal forgiveness of up to **\$30,000** to communities to develop an Asset Management Program for water infrastructure (in whole or in part depending upon the needs and size of community). CWSRF loan principal forgiveness of up to **\$30,000** is also available for stormwater systems. In addition, grants for Asset Management Programs are available from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for drinking water systems. Asset Management promotes sustainability and affordability of infrastructure. With thoughtful

planning we are better situated to avoid the added cost of reactive maintenance and any catastrophic failure, and we are rewarded over time with savings that can be used for other important community needs.

Five reasons to develop an asset management program of your community's most valuable assets using CWSRF and/or DWSRF funding:

- Helps you document what your assets are.
- Helps you clearly define the level of service your customers need vs. the level of service you can afford to provide.
- Helps you prioritize the replacement and maintenance of your most critical and valuable assets.
- Helps you get the support from your customers and community leadership that you need to maintain the desired level of service.
- Assistance is available from technical and administrative staff to help you through every step of the process.

In addition the CWSRF is offering subsidy in the form of principal forgiveness of up to \$20,000 for energy audits.

For information on these programs please contact the following. **CWSRF:** Beth Malcolm ([Beth.Malcolm@des.nh.gov](mailto:Beth.Malcolm@des.nh.gov)), (603) 271-2978; Sharon Rivard ([Sharon.Rivard@des.nh.gov](mailto:Sharon.Rivard@des.nh.gov)), (603) 271-2508; and, for stormwater, Barbara McMillan ([Barbara.McMillan@des.nh.gov](mailto:Barbara.McMillan@des.nh.gov)) (603) 271-7889. **DWSRF:** Johnna McKenna ([Johnna.McKenna@des.nh.gov](mailto:Johnna.McKenna@des.nh.gov)), (603) 271-7017; and Luis Adorno ([Luis.Adorno@des.nh.gov](mailto:Luis.Adorno@des.nh.gov)), (603) 271-2472.

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Rebate is BACK!**

NHDES is once again offering rebates to businesses and municipalities to offset the costs of installing public access electric vehicle charging stations. Visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/drive-electric/index.htm> for more information on the NH Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Rebate Program and to download the application.

### **Funding available through NH's Clean Diesel Program**

NHDES is accepting proposals for partial reimbursement of diesel engine repower/replacement, vehicle replacement, fuel conversion and other diesel emissions-reducing projects. Diesel vehicles, trains, buses, marine vessels, construction equipment, trucks and non-road vehicles and generators are eligible. Restrictions apply. For more information on this program, view the "Hot Topics" section of NHDES' "Diesel and Equipment" page: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/diesel-vehicles/index.htm>

### **Stormwater News**

New legislation became effective in September (see <http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/X/149-I/149-I-6.htm>) that gives towns the authority to update or develop new local regulations to address pollution from stormwater runoff. For example, if pollution is running off of a parking lot or roadway into a town's stormwater pipes, the town now clearly has the authority to pass regulations to address that pollution. This change was needed to give municipalities the regulatory tools necessary to comply with Federal laws and regulations, in particular, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) general permit ([http://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4\\_2013\\_NH.html](http://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/stormwater/MS4_2013_NH.html)). While the federal MS4 general permit applies to only about 40 communities in the southern part of the state, passing the types of ordinances authorized in the new law can help any community address water pollution, erosion, flooding, and other problems caused by stormwater runoff from densely settled areas.

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