



The Municipal EcoLink

An e-bulletin from the NH Department of Environmental Services

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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](#)

Training Opportunity for Professional Landscapers

A new training opportunity for professional landscapers is being offered April 8 and 9. The training is built upon UNHCE's *Landscaping at the Water's Edge* curriculum, to include design and installation of stormwater management practices suitable for small sites, such as rain gardens and dry wells, as well as drainage and site considerations. More information is available at

<http://extension.unh.edu/Sustainable-Landscapes-and-Turf/Landscaping-Waters-Edge>

For more information on Soak Up the Rain NH, visit the program website at www.soaknh.org

Training Opportunities for Solid Waste Facility Operators

NHDES has space available in its April 16, 2015 and April 23, 2015 workshops for solid waste facility operators. These workshops may be used to renew solid waste facility operator certification and accumulate continuing professional development hours. To register for a workshop, please follow the instructions at

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/workshop.htm>

Rebates for Public Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

NHDES is offering rebates to anyone who installs an electric vehicle charging station and makes it available to the general public. Rebates of up to \$5,000 for a Level II charging station and up to \$12,000 for a Level III charging station will be provided to any municipality, business or organization that provides the location and site preparation for installation. More information and an application are available at

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/drive-electric/index.htm> or by contacting Paul Lockwood at 271-5552.

FREE NetDMR Training for NPDES Permit Holders – Tuesday, May 5

If you are already using NetDMR, fantastic! If you are not using NetDMR, why not? Eventually all NH NPDES permit holders will have to report their monthly discharge monitoring report (DMR) data using NetDMR. Get on board, attend the free training, and move into the future!

The next NetDMR training class for NPDES permittees will be held at NH DES offices in Concord on Tuesday, May 5th from 9:00am to 12:30pm. NH Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators can earn 0.5 CEUs for attending the training. Please note that anyone interested in attending the class should register directly with EPA. To register for the upcoming May 5th training, please send an email with your name, facility name, facility NPDES Permit Number, facility address, and facility telephone number to R1.NetDMR@epa.gov

NHDES Drinking Water Source Protection Conference in Concord, NH – Wednesday, May 6

Register to attend the 2015 NHDES Drinking Water Source Protection Conference on May 6 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH. This event will feature scientists, state and federal officials, and water supply managers who will present their work and views on a range of topics. Sessions include a roundtable discussion about private well water, guidance for land conservation, an overview of NHDES' on-going work to address MtBE, a summary of lessons learned from a 2014 West Virginia spill, studies about contaminants of emerging concern, and sessions that discuss local groundwater and surface water source protection measures. To view the full agenda and register, visit the American Ground Water Trust website at www.agwt.org (click on the "Events" tab at the top of the page). For more information, contact Win Saltmarsh (wsaltmarsh@agwt.org, 603-228-5444) at the American Ground Water Trust or Pierce Rigrod (pierce.rigrod@des.nh.gov 603-271-0688) at NHDES.

New Online Mapping Tool – New Hampshire Coastal Viewer

NHDES, in collaboration with the University of New Hampshire's GRANIT System and other project partners, have launched the [New Hampshire Coastal Viewer](#) an online mapping tool that gives anyone with an Internet connection the ability to access more than 150 spatial data sets and to make and share their own

customized maps. For the first time, the Coastal Viewer brings both new and existing coastal resources and hazards-related spatial data sets in the 42 communities of N.H.'s coastal watershed together in one place. For more information and to go to the Viewer, visit: <http://www.granit.unh.edu/nhcoastalviewer/>

2015 NHDES - Wetlands Bureau Rule Making and Process Improvement Effort Update

Given the extensive research conducted and the significant number of public comments received, the [Wetlands Bureau Rule Making schedule](#) has been revised. Also, four new Rules Workgroup/ Listening Session Meetings on Inland Docking Structures and Coastal Wetlands are now [scheduled](#) – the public is welcome! A summary of the public comments received thus far are available [here](#). There is still an opportunity to provide comments directly to specific rules re-write workgroups [here](#).

NHDES Dam numbers have changed

Dam owners will be noticing a change in your dam number in future correspondence. As development has expanded over the years, the number of dams in certain towns has grown significantly. Some towns are nearing 100 dams, and our historic numbering system was not compatible with that. In addition, the old system made it difficult for some computer applications to manipulate and sort the data. Example: Old dam# 014.08, New dam# D014008. If you have any questions, you can contact us at damsafety@des.nh.gov

Used Oil Gift Grant

The Department of Environmental Services issues grants for the purpose of establishing and improving used oil collection centers serving Do-It-Yourselfers who change their own automotive oil. Grant funds, up to \$2,500 per year, can be used to assist with the purchase of used oil management equipment. Municipalities and motor vehicle inspection stations are eligible to apply for yearly grants related to the collection of Do-It-Yourselfer used oil and/or automotive oil filters. Grants are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis with priority given to first time applicants or applicants in underserved areas.

Applications will be posted after June 30, 2015 at the following link:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/fms/uomp/categories/grants.htm>

Subsurface Systems Program Electronic Permitting (ePermtting)

The NHDES Subsurface Systems Program ePermitting system, an on-line system for processing all subsurface applications, is now available. NHDES has sent all municipalities a letter that discusses how to manage the process to require prior local approval in accordance with RSA-A:32, II. For further information, please contact Robert Tardif at (603) 271-2904 or robert.tardif@des.nh.gov

Important Recycling Information

The NH Department of Administrative Services has recently contracted with Complete Recycling Solutions to provide recycling services for fluorescent lamps, ballasts, dry cell batteries and mercury devices. This is a change in vendor, and municipal officials should contact the new vendor to take advantage of the state-negotiated pricing structure. A link to the new contract can be found on the NHDES Household Hazardous Waste page:

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

Under "Municipalities," click on "State Recycling Contract."

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