



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](#)

Green Your Fleet!

Don't miss the transportation workshop and advanced technology truck show on June 10, 2016, at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Loudon, New Hampshire. This all-day workshop is free and open to the public, and features informative speakers, panels and breakout sessions. For more information and to register, visit: www.granitstatecleancities.nh.gov/documents/gyf2016.pdf

State Revolving Fund Solicitations

NHDES is soliciting pre-applications for drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and nonpoint source projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program. The SRF program is a low interest loan program that assists communities with the planning, design and construction of eligible water pollution control infrastructure projects; and public water systems with the cost of improving drinking water infrastructure.

The CWSRF Pre-application is available at:

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/web/documents/srf_preapp.doc

DWSRF Pre-Application is available at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DWSRF2016Preapp>

All Pre-Applications are due by Friday July 1st (4pm).

This year's joint CWSRF/DWSRF Informational Session is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7th from 8:15 AM to 12:30 PM at DES in Concord. We plan to present general information about the programs and, starting at 9:15 AM, a comprehensive training on American Iron and Steel Requirements for construction projects. Registration for attending the meeting is not required but for planning purposes please RSVP to Nina Buckman by Friday, June 3rd at Christina.Buckman@des.nh.gov or 271-0734.

For more information on CWSRF Beth Malcolm at 271-2978 or beth.malcolm@des.nh.gov and for DWSRF, contact Johnna McKenna at 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov

NHDES Workshop: Things that Go Bang! Meth Lab Waste and Other Hazards

The Solid Waste Operator Training (SWOT) Program is hosting a workshop discussing materials association with clandestine drug and explosive labs. Les Cartier and his staff from the Department of Safety will touch on health and safety at these locations and any emergency actions that must be taken. He will also discuss how to identify wastes that come from these labs that would be pertinent for solid waste operators, DPW staff and roadside clean-up crews. This workshop is being offered twice on Wednesday, July 13th. The first session is from 9-Noon and will be repeated from 1:00-4:00pm at the NHDES Offices in Concord, NH.

To sign up for this class, please contact the SWOT Program at (603) 271-2925 or solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov by July 5th.

New OneStop Data Mapper

NHDES is pleased to announce the new OneStop Data Mapper, an easy-to-use, interactive mapping tool displaying environmental data. The new tool replaces the existing OneStop Web GIS viewer and is maintained by NHDES and NH GRANIT. Access the Mapper through the OneStop GIS website at <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/gis/onestop/>

Collecting Environmental Data?

NHDES houses environmental data such as river, lake, ambient air, biological, and habitat assessments in a central database. If you collect or are planning to collect data, consider connecting with us! Data in our central database is available to staff and the public, may be used in waterbody assessments, is backed up regularly to prevent data loss, and is available on our data mapper. We can also provide pre-collection technical and planning support. For more information please contact Melanie Titus at melanie.titus@des.nh.gov

Updated Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management

The NHDES Soak Up the Rain NH program recently updated the *New Hampshire Homeowner's Guide to Stormwater Management*. The guide contains step-by-step instructions for ten different practices that can be used on small sites to reduce stormwater runoff and pollution. <http://soaknh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/NH-Homeowner-Guide-2016.pdf>

Lead in Drinking Water

Lead in drinking water has been a concern for several decades for NH municipal water suppliers, who commonly treat their water supplies to make them less corrosive and to minimize lead concentrations at the tap. In response to heightened governmental and public awareness about lead, underscored by events this year in Flint, MI, NHDES has continued to update NH communities on proposed rules changes expected from the USEPA. NHDES has also requested that community water suppliers update lead sampling protocols and prepare for more aggressive efforts to remove lead piping components from municipal distribution networks where these components still exist. More information can be found at the NHDES web site <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/lead-copper/index.htm>

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