



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](#)

Granite State Clean Cities Coalition Meeting

This is a reminder that the next Granite State Clean Cities Coalition Quarterly Stakeholder Meeting will be held on Friday, December 8 at the New Hampshire Automobile Dealers Association, 507 South Street in Concord, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Please contact Jessica Wilcox at Jessica.Wilcox@des.nh.gov or (603)271-6751 with any questions.

Request for Fire Departments to Sample Drinking Water Wells for PFAS

NHDES is recommending fire departments that obtain drinking water from an on-site water supply well should voluntarily test their water for poly and perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to ensure the drinking water used at these facilities is safe for fire department personnel and others that use these facilities. A copy of the letter sent to fire departments is available on the NHDES website: https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-pfas-investigation/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Fire_Department_H2OSample.pdf

Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) Fund Workshops

The Aquatic Resources Mitigation (ARM) Fund, in partnership with the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, will be hosting three outreach sessions regarding available funding from the ARM Fund, updated tools to submit applications, and the Stream Crossing Initiative. Potential ARM Fund grant applicants from all service areas including: municipalities (conservation commissions, road agents, and town engineers), regional planning commissions, non-profit groups, land trusts and consultants are encouraged to attend. Given the significant amount of funds available in the Salmon Falls and Merrimack service areas, these sessions will be held in Concord (January 18, 2018), Londonderry (January 24, 2018) and Rochester (February 6, 2018). More details will be forthcoming on our website: <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/wmp/index.htm>

The New Hampshire Geological Survey announces recently completed Surficial Geology Maps

These maps show the occurrence of gravels, sand, silts, clays and glacial till by topographic quadrangles in New Hampshire. Local municipalities find these easy to read maps useful for planning purposes. Some of these deposits are important local aquifers, needing protection. The recently completed maps cover the towns (and surrounding areas) of Bartlett and New London. Copies of these maps and many others are listed at:

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/geologic/documents/geo_publ.pdf

They may be obtained by contacting the NHDES Public Information Center, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; pip@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-8876.

Emergency Generators - NHDES Approvals and Installation Requirements

Any facility installing an emergency electrical generator with an aboveground petroleum storage tank (AST) having a capacity of more than 660 gallons must submit an AST application to the Waste Management Division of NHDES for construction approval a minimum of 45 days prior to installation. This is true whether the AST forms an integral part of the generator enclosure or is free standing. It is unlawful to install and to operate such an emergency generator or AST without prior NHDES approval. NHDES is stepping up enforcement of the AST laws and will seek to impose fines against those who illegally install and operate an emergency generator having an AST capacity of more than 660 gallons, in accordance with the NHDES Compliance Assurance Response Policy. For more information on the AST application and approval process, please contact Michael Juranty at (603) 271-6058 or visit the "Aboveground Storage Tank" program on the NHDES website at

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/ocs/astp/index.htm>

Survey of Municipality Communication Preferences

NHDES would appreciate your feedback on how best to communicate with our city and town officials. Please take just a few minutes of your time to fill out our survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DZV2DXV> to help us to better deliver the information you need.

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