



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](#)

National Drug Takeback Day is October 28, 2017

For information on the location of over 80 medicine drop boxes in New Hampshire or how to participate with dozens of other law enforcement agencies in the National Drug Takeback Day on October 28, go to www.nh.gov/medsafety

9th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference, October 28

Join us at the 9th Annual Local Energy Solutions Conference, New Hampshire's premiere conference for clean energy. LES 2017 will be held on October 28 at the solar-powered Grappone Center in Concord, NH, and will feature multi-track sessions on projects, policy and technology, great networking, panel discussions, pitch challenges to address our most topical energy challenges, local cuisine, and a surprise keynote address. More details and to register for early-bird rates: www.nhenergy.org.

Workshop: Nitrogen, Septic Systems and Great Bay – Why it Matters

Upcoming workshop on nitrogen, septic systems and Great Bay – Why it Matters on October 31, 2017, 8:00am to 12:00pm at the Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center on 91 Depot Road, Greenland, NH 03840. The workshop will include a review of the nitrogen cycle and why it matters to seacoast communities, a summary of state and local regulations on nitrate in septic systems and groundwater, a review of on-site septic systems that remove nitrogen, an update on de-nitrifying Permeable Reactive Barrier pilot projects for local septic systems, local watershed initiatives and more!

Registration is required. Register here or visit www.rockinghamccd.org to fill out the registration form under Workshops & Events. Light refreshments provided. Please contact Rockingham County Conservation District with any questions: (603) 679-2790 or rccd@rockinghamccd.org

#KingTideNH2017 Photo Contest

Save the Date! The New Hampshire Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) is excited to announce the return of its annual King Tide Photo Contest on November 5-7, 2017. Photographing extreme high tides is an effective way to help coastal communities identify areas prone to flooding, visualize potential impacts of sea-level rise, and start planning for the future. To view official contest rules and donated prizes, visit: <http://www.nhcaw.org/kingtidenh2017/>

NHDES Solid Waste Management Bureau Speaking at the NH Municipal Association Conference

Staff from NHDES' SWMB will be presenting on three solid waste management topics at the NHMA's Annual Conference on November 16. The new SWMB Compliance Supervisor will be discussing why post-closure care of landfills is important and the benefits of a well-managed monitoring and maintenance program. The Assistant Director of the Waste Management Division, SWMB Hydrogeologist and an Engineer will be delving into "Limited Reuse Soils" and the appropriate management of street wastes. The Solid Waste Operator Training & Certification Coordinator will be reviewing the existing operator training program and its importance for NH's cities and towns.

Please join our presenters to learn first-hand some of the important issues revolving around solid waste in NH. For more information on the SWMB, please contact us at (603) 271-2925 or solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov.

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>

Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Free Workshop, Nov. 20

NHDES Drinking Water and Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Programs will be hosting a free workshop on November 20, 2017 at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. The event will offer a series of topics in the morning including SRF program updates, reporting requirements, recent survey results, and breakout sessions in the afternoon for large and small public drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems.

Registration information and a preliminary agenda (attached) are available on our website at:

<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity/dwsrf.htm>. Contact hours (TCHs)/Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) will be awarded to NH certified drinking water, wastewater operators and engineers who attend the entire workshop. Registration forms must be submitted no later than November 6, 2017. Please forward all inquiries and registration forms to Emily Nichols, NHDES Drinking Water & Groundwater Bureau, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; Emily.Nichols@des.nh.gov, (603) 271-8320 (office), (603) 271-5171 (fax).

Change to Individual Sewage Disposal System Law

Based on changes to the law governing individual sewage disposal systems, as of September 16, NHDES Subsystems Bureau will no longer require documentation of local approval prior to accepting and processing applications for the replacement of failed individual sewage disposal systems. For more information or questions regarding this change, contact Rob Tardif at Robert.tardif@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2904.

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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