



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](#)

New NHDES Facebook Page

NHDES launched its official [Facebook Page](#) in early August. The page will be used to post information about NHDES events, trainings, workshops, publications, and more. Please take the time to check out the new page and “Like” us to stay updated on new content. You can also find us on Twitter (@NHDES) and YouTube. If you have any questions or suggestions for content, please contact us at socialmedia@des.nh.gov

Get ready for the 8th annual [National Drive Electric Week \(NDEW\)](#) event in Concord!

On Saturday, September 8 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM, NDEW will commence at Capitol Plaza in Downtown Concord. Exhibitors and EV owners will display their latest in electric vehicles (EVs), electric bicycles and charging technology on the sidewalk in front of the State House adjacent to the Concord Farmer’s Market. Are you interested in attending and/or displaying your EV? [Click this link to REGISTER](#). It’s a terrific opportunity to learn about EVs in an informal and informational setting ... you might even get to drive one! Questions? Contact Jessica Wilcox, Granite State Clean Cities Coordinator at jessica.wilcox@des.nh.gov

Join NHDES for the 5th Annual Salt Symposium on Tuesday, September 11 at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH

Registration is live and tickets can be purchased by visiting: https://nh_salt_symposium_2018.eventbrite.com
Topics include: Marketing, Landscaping, Best Practices in Salt Management, Insurance & Liability, with vendors and equipment demonstrations. This is a great conference for road agents, DPW staff and any private winter maintenance contractors that might work for your town.

NH Public Works Mutual Aid’s Ultimate Toolbox Workshop is October 4

The New Hampshire Public Works Mutual Aid (NHPWMA)’s Ultimate Toolbox Workshop will be held on Thursday October 4, 2018 at the NH National Guard Edward Cross Training Complex in Pembroke. NHPWMA is pleased to offer this informative workshop at no cost to New Hampshire’s municipal and public works professionals. Agenda coming soon – register online now at <https://t2.unh.edu/nhpwma-ultimate-toolbox-workshop-1042018>
More information about the NHPWMA Program is available on their website at <https://t2.unh.edu/ma>

Save the Date- Tuesday, October 16, 2018, State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Workshop

The New Hampshire Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRF) will be hosting a joint SRF workshop with the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) on October 16, 2018 at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES), 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. The event will offer a series of topics including updates regarding SRF and the NH Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund as well as individual breakout sessions for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater systems. The intended audience includes current and future Loan Recipients, Community/Financial Decision Makers, Consultants/Engineers, Operators and others interested in the SRF Loan Programs. Registration information and an agenda will be sent out and posted to our website (<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity/dwsrf.htm>) at a later date.

National Drug Takeback Day is October 27

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 27, 2018, go to www.nh.gov/medsafety

2019 Local Source Water Protection Grant Applications Are Now Available!

Up to \$20,000 in funding is available from NHDES to develop and implement projects to protect existing sources of public drinking water. These grants are available to water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, conservation districts, and state agencies. Applications are due

November 1, 2018. For more information please contact Andrew Madison at andrew.madison@des.nh.gov or visit: https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm

NH Lead Bill SB247

On February 8, 2018, Governor Sununu signed Senate Bill 247 Prevention of Childhood Lead Poisoning. This law requires, among other actions, that all schools and licensed child care facilities test for lead in drinking water at all locations where water is available for consumption by children. The first round of testing is required to be completed by July 1, 2019. To view the letter sent to all NH schools and licensed child care centers regarding the drinking water testing go to: <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/documents/leadbill-ltr-schools-childcare.pdf> . To review SB247 in its entirety, visit: http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/bill_status/billText.aspx?sy=2017&id=978&txtFormat=html

Got Lead in Your Pipes?

NHDES has partnered with the USEPA to create a web-based guidance document targeted at homeowners to help them determine if they have lead pipes and show them how they can reduce lead in their drinking water. The guide is in pilot testing and almost ready to be released to the public. While the initial intent was to have plumbers assist with distribution, other means of offering the guide are being explored. If you are interested in being a platform for the guide, please contact Amy Rousseau at (603) 271-0893 or amy.rousseau@des.nh.gov.

Urbanized Shoreland Exemption Area Interactive Mapping Tool

The Shoreland Program recently published an interactive mapping tool to help the public, contractors and municipalities understand the Shoreland Urbanized Exemption Areas. It uses parcel and stream data to highlight areas that are exempt from the Shoreland Protection Act. The web map can be accessed here: <http://nhdes.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d576ab97a7a49ceb5ea427243b95761> or go to www.des.nh.gov , click on the "A to Z list" and find "GIS at NHDES."

Back to School... Is Your School AHERA Compliant?

As students and faculty return to school this month, make sure your schools' Asbestos Management Plans are up-to-date and in compliance with the **Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act** (AHERA), 40 CFR 763, Subpart E. The purpose of AHERA is to ensure that local educational agencies (LEAs) safely manage asbestos containing building materials (ACBM) found in schools, to ensure students, faculty and the general public are not exposed to asbestos. NHDES urges all schools to provide a safe and healthy educational environment. For more information, contact the NHDES Asbestos Management Program at (603) 271-1373, or visit the program's webpage at: <http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/ams/index.htm>

Asbestos Inspection and Abatement – Notice to Town when issuing a Building Renovation and Demolition Permit

A reminder to all towns and municipalities of the necessity for building owners and their contractors to have an asbestos inspection prior to any renovation/demolition. Please direct them to NHDES for guidance on their projects. For information on asbestos requirements, contact NHDES at (603) 271-1373, or visit www.des.nh.gov and click on "Asbestos Management" under the A to Z topics list.

Small Storage Tank Inspection

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is pleased to announce the Small Community Public Water System Tank Inspection Grant program. Atmospheric and hydropneumatic tanks are vital components of a small water system and need to be properly maintained. To evaluate the condition of a tank and its remaining life expectancy, it needs to be inspected internally, and if accessible, externally, too. NHDES offers small water systems a 100% matching grant of up to \$4,000 per tank of 20,000 gallons or less to perform tank inspections. NHDES will award a maximum of \$10,000 for each water system (enough for three tanks) to perform those long-neglected inspections.

For more information or to obtain an application, please visit

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/asset-management/index.htm> or contact Luis Adorno at (603) 271-2472 or luis.adorno@des.nh.gov.

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