



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](#)

Wetland Rules Public Comment Deadline

The NHDES wetland rules *Public Comment* deadline is January 18, 2019 no later than 4:00 pm. Please send your written comments to Mary Ann Tilton; 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301 or email to: MaryAnn.Tilton@des.nh.gov

Proposed Rules, BMPs, presentations, and other information are found here:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/process-improvement.htm>

NHDES hosts Wetland Rules Conservation Commission Focus Input Session

NHDES hosts Wetland Rules Conservation Commission Focus Input Session – January 8, 2019 1:00- 3:30 in NHDES Room 208-C. To attend please register via email to: MaryAnn.Tilton@des.nh.gov no later than noon on January 7. For background, please see NHACC annual meeting presentation:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/documents/20181103-nhacc-presentation.pdf>

NHDES Awards \$4.2 Million in Wetlands Protection Grants

The NHDES Aquatic Resource Mitigation Program (ARM) has awarded funding from the Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund for 26 projects totaling \$4,288,402.75. For a complete list of projects, visit:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/media/pr/2018/20181213-wetlands-grants.htm>

New State Contract for Recycling of Fluorescent Lamps, Ballasts, Dry Cell Batteries, and Mercury Devices

NLR, Inc. has been awarded the State of New Hampshire contract for the recycling of fluorescent lamps, ballasts, dry cell batteries, and mercury devices. Eligible participants include counties, cities, towns, school districts, special districts and precincts, or any other governmental organizations. For a link to the contract that runs from December 1, 2018 through November 2021 go to:

https://das.nh.gov/purchasing/Docs/Notices_of_Contract/8002433%20Recycle%20Lamps.pdf

Something's in the Air: Outdoor Wood Boiler and Open Burning Regulations Webinar

Smoke from outdoor wood hydronic heaters, also known as outdoor wood boilers, and open burning can be a significant source of air pollution, negatively impacting public health and the environment. It can also result in complaints to state and local officials from residents concerned about the impact from smoke. Learn how municipalities can best respond to smoke and odor complaints by attending a webinar, sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association, on February 13, 2019, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. This webinar is free for members of the NH Municipal Association. For more information and to register, visit

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/Resources/Calendar>.

Burning of Demolition Debris Prohibited

NHDES wishes to remind local fire departments that the burning of any material remaining after the demolition of a residence or other structure is strictly prohibited by law, and has been prohibited since 2008. The only material allowed to be burned is brush generated on-site, with branches less than 5 inches in diameter. NHDES still receives complaints about illegal burns of demolition material in various locations across the state, including a recent instance in Bath. The only legal method of disposal of demolition debris is to haul it to an authorized landfill. For assistance please contact Linda Magoon at (603) 271-0907.

Get Green About the White Stuff - NHDES Salt Applicator Certification Program

As of 2014, 46 water bodies in New Hampshire are polluted with chloride with more than 50% of the salt coming from private roads and parking lots. If you are concerned about winter maintenance practices on private parking lots polluting local waterbodies with road salt this winter, contact Kate Politano, NHDES Salt Reduction Coordinator, at kate.politano@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-5329, to learn more about the NH Certified Green SnowPro Program and how to encourage salt reduction practices to help ensure clean water for future generations.

Local Energy Solutions Offers Local Energy Resources to Municipalities on Renewable Energy Siting and Procurement

The partnership between Local Energy Solutions and Clean Energy NH (formerly known as New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association) has developed a series of resources to help streamline local renewable energy projects for New Hampshire municipalities. Visit www.nhenergy.org to download (1) the Model Solar Zoning Ordinance; (2) a Template Request for Proposal for Municipal and School Solar Projects; and other helpful local energy resources.

Household Hazardous Waste Grants Available

NHDES is now accepting requests for applications for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Grants for State Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020). This will be your only opportunity to obtain a grant this coming fiscal year. The deadline for submitting a completed grant application is February 1st. Grant application packages will be available on the NHDES website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/p2au/pps/hhwp/categories/forms.htm> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Dean Robinson at 271-2047, or by email at hhw@des.nh.gov

Notice to Solid Waste Facility Owners - 2018 Annual Facility Report Forms

The 2018 Annual Facility Report (AFR) forms, used for reporting required information regarding the operation of your solid waste facility (active or inactive) are available for distribution. The forms and attached guidance documents can be found at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/css/categories/forms.htm#annual> Please make sure you choose the correct form for your facility. If you have questions, please contact the Solid Waste Management Bureau at (603) 271-2925 or solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov

Winnepesaukee River Basin Program (WRBP) Wins Wastewater Plant of the Year Award

On December 14, 2018, the WRBP was awarded the wastewater Plant of the Year (POTY) award from the NH Water Pollution Control Association. The WRBP system was built over 40 years ago and has been operated by New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) staff since its inception. The WRBP serves 10 Lakes Region communities including portions of Center Harbor, Moultonborough, Gilford, Meredith, Laconia, Belmont, Sanbornton, Northfield, Tilton and Franklin. For more information about the WRBP, visit the NHDES website at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wrbb/index.htm>

Fact Sheet on Class B Firefighting Foam

The Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC) recently published a Fact Sheet about Class B firefighting foam. The purpose of this Fact Sheet is to outline how to properly identify, handle, store, capture, collect, manage, and dispose of Class B firefighting foam. Link to the ITRC fact sheet:

https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/pfas_fact_sheet_aff_10_3_18.pdf

NHDES Facebook Page

NHDES launched its official [Facebook Page](#). 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

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