



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](#)

Community Water System Leak Detection Survey Grant Application Period Open

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is now accepting applications for the Community Water System Leak Detection Survey Grant. This grant is open to all community water systems in New Hampshire, and selected applicants will receive a free leak detection survey by a professional leak detection specialist during the 2019 field season. The application is available at https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/water_conservation/leak-detection.htm and is due by July 27, 2018. Please contact Kelsey Vaughn at kelsey.vaughn@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-0659 if you have any questions.

New Funds Available! Brownfields RLF Cleanup Grants

The NHDES Brownfields Program is making available \$400,000 for two or more Cleanup Grants and is soliciting applications from interested eligible entities. The Cleanup Grants will provide funding to conduct cleanup activities on properties where the redevelopment or reuse of the site is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance or contaminant. Individual Grants will be limited to no more than \$200,000 per site. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31, 2018. Applications and additional information is available at: <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/hwrb/sss/brownfields/rlf-grant.htm> Applications and questions can be directed to Michael McCluskey at michael.mccluskey@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2183.

Keene Air Monitoring Station Open House, Aug. 1

The NHDES is having an open house at the Air Monitoring Station in Keene on August 1, from 10 am to 12 pm. Come learn about what the station does, see our electric lawn mower and car on display, and learn about how you can help prevent air pollution. Please direct questions to Emily Collins at Emily.Collins@des.nh.gov

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

LES Webinar - Built Up Opportunities: Building Energy Codes in New Hampshire

An estimated 75% of U.S. buildings will be new or renovated by 2035. Constructing buildings to the most modern energy codes ensures they use energy more efficiently over the 50-100 year life of the building. Join us on Wednesday, July 25, for a webinar presented by state and regional energy code professionals to explore how the building energy code is the only code that pays for itself through reduced utility costs and also through reduced insurance rates by serving as a life safety code. The webinar will conclude a review of opportunities for individuals and groups to support the adoption and compliance of more modern codes statewide to capture decades of energy savings. Register at <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4119706634107222787>

Fugitive Dust Control – Stakeholder Rule Revision Meeting

On August 16, 2018, NHDES will host a stakeholder meeting to review upcoming fugitive dust rule revisions and solicit stakeholder input. Municipal officials are encouraged to ensure that their contractors abide by the fugitive dust regulations. Dust from roadway projects, construction activities, and just driving on dirt roads generates dust that

presents a risk to public health and the environment. Please direct questions to Mark Ledgard of NHDES at (603) 271-5629, or email at Mark.Ledgard@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.

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

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 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-managment/index.htm> or contact Luis Adorno at (603) 271-2472 or luis.adorno@des.nh.gov

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