



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](#)

Public Hearing on Amendments to the Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules

On Friday November 30, 2018, the Subsurface Systems Bureau will hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to Env-Wq 1000, the Subdivision and Individual Sewage Disposal System Design Rules. The proposed amendments are to rules regarding lot loading calculations, amended ISDS plans and daily flow calculations. To view the proposed amendments please go to:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/legal/rulemaking/index.htm> The hearing will commence at 1:00 p.m. and will be held in the auditorium located at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. If you do not attend the hearing, you may submit written comments to Robert Tardif, P.E., Administrator, Subsurface Systems Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord NH 03302-0095 or by email at robert.tardif@des.nh.gov

Formal Wetland Rulemaking Hearing Schedule

From December 3 to 13, NHDES will hold formal rulemaking hearings in Concord, Keene, Portsmouth, Lancaster and Laconia. The proposed rules, hearing schedule, and BMPs are found at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/process-improvement.htm> Please contact Mary Ann Tilton at (603) 271-2929 or MaryAnn.Tilton@des.nh.gov

Low-interest Loans for Wastewater and Stormwater Asset Management Plans

The NH Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is offering a new opportunity to submit pre-applications for low interest loans with principal forgiveness for wastewater and stormwater asset management programs. The CWSRF will add new project proposals to the 2018 Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan. **NHDES is accepting these new pre-applications through Monday, December 3, 2018.** The CWSRF pre-application is available on the NHDES website at:

http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/documents/srf_preapp.doc

Guidance on asset management principal forgiveness can be found at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/asset-managment/documents/cwsrf-am-guide.pdf>

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

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.

Funding Announcement: USDA Increases Funding for Rural Waste, Water, Stormwater, and Wastewater Infrastructure- \$4 Billion Available

USDA is providing increased funding to rural communities through the [Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant](#) program. USDA is [encouraging](#) states to share the available financial support. Eligible rural communities can apply online for funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage disposal, sanitary solid waste disposal, and storm water drainage to households and businesses in eligible rural areas. They can visit the interactive [RD Apply](#) tool, or they can apply through one of USDA Rural Development's [state or field offices](#). For more information on the grants and to apply, please go to <https://www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/water-waste-disposal-loan-grant-program>.

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 amy.rousseau@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-0893.

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."

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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