



## 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](#)

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### 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](mailto:socialmedia@des.nh.gov)

### 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 and registration is available 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>

### Grant Money to Help Diesel Equipment Owners

NHDES will have funds available in October 2018 through the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) program to help diesel equipment owners in New Hampshire reduce emissions. This year’s program will have up to \$1 million for funding projects (including Volkswagen Funds). DERA provides partial funding for local/state governments and businesses to reduce emissions through idle reduction technologies; exhaust controls; or replacement of older on or off road diesel engines/vehicles/equipment with newer engines/vehicles/equipment. The first round of project proposal requests will be from October 1 through October 22. Round 2 applications (if funds are still available) will be accepted from October 23 through November 16 and if needed a third round will be held from November 17 through December 14. Additional information as well as a draft application is available on our website <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/tsb/tps/msp/diesel-vehicles/dera.htm> . Any questions can be directed to Elizabeth Strachan at [Elizabeth.strachan@des.nh.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.strachan@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-8330. A webinar about the program and the application process will be held on Friday, October 5, at 1 PM. Register for the webinar at the following link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/380743677769699074>

### AltWheels Fleet Day – October 15, 2018

AltWheels Fleet Day is the largest meeting of corporate and municipal Fleet Managers on the East Coast. See and hear the latest in fleet transportation technologies, alternative fuels and fleet management practices. Visit <http://www.altwheels.org/fleet-day> to find out more and register to attend.

### 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](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety)

### **Asset Management workshop**

NHDES is hosting its 5th annual Asset Management Workshop “The Lost Art of Communication” at the **NH National Guard Facility**, Edward Cross Training Complex, 722 Riverwood Drive, Pembroke, NH on October 30, 2018. This workshop will provide Water, Wastewater and Stormwater operators & managers with means and methods on how to leverage your asset management programs to maximize interactions within the entire organization. There is going to be ample opportunity to discuss your ideas and network during the breakout sessions throughout the day. Forms and information are at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/asset-managment/categories/training.htm>

### **Local Energy Solutions (LES) Conference – November 16, 2018**

NH's premier conference dedicated to achieving clean energy success in the Granite State - whether you're an energy committee member, local leader, engaged citizen, legislator, industry representative, or curious to learn more about clean energy technologies, practices, or policies, you do not want to miss this conference. Visit <https://www.nhenergy.org/les-conference.html> to find out more and register to attend.

### **Asset Management Planning Grant Program**

The NHDES Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau is pleased to announce another round of the Asset Management Planning Grant program. This grant is intended to assist community water systems in developing an asset management plan. The program will provide community water systems a 100% matching grant up to \$20,000 to conduct asset management initiatives. Applications will be accepted until December 1, 2018. Eligible systems include Community Water Systems serving a population of 200 or greater. An information packet and application are available on the DWGB website <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/asset-managment/documents/nhdes-w-03-021.docx>. Feel free to contact Luis Adorno at (603) 271-2472 or [luis.adorno@des.nh.gov](mailto:luis.adorno@des.nh.gov) if you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal.

### **Public Pool and Spa Design and Construction Approvals – Notice to Town Officials when issuing a Pool or Spa Building Permit**

A reminder to all towns and municipalities that the NHDES Public Bathing Facility Program requires owners, general contractors, pool builders and agents to submit an application to the department for design review and approval prior to initiating any construction. Please direct them to NHDES for guidance on their projects. For information on the public pool and spa program, contact NHDES at (603) 271-7108, or visit [des.nh.gov](http://des.nh.gov) and click on “Public Bathing Facility Program” under the A to Z topics list.

### **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](mailto:andrew.madison@des.nh.gov) or visit: [https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp\\_grants.htm](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](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](mailto:amy.rousseau@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-0893.

### **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](mailto: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.

### **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](http://www.des.nh.gov), click on the "A to Z list" and find "GIS at NHDES."

### **New Hampshire Geologic Mapping News**

The New Hampshire Geological Survey, a unit within NHDES, has recently completed bedrock mapping within the southern portion of the Mount Crescent quadrangle (northern Randolph) and surficial mapping of the Mount Chocorua (southwestern Albany and northwestern Tamworth), Center Sandwich, and Bradford quadrangles. Copies of these maps and many others are listed at:

[https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/publications/geologic/documents/geo\\_publ.pdf](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](mailto:pip@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-8876.

This year NHGS continues its efforts through mapping the surficial geology of the Hillsborough Upper Village, Lancaster, and Mount Grace and Royalston (southern Richmond and southwestern Fitzwilliam) quadrangles. Bedrock geological mapping will continue with the completion of the Mount Crescent quadrangle (southwestern Berlin) and updated Isles of Shoals quadrangle. NHGS geological mapping has a wide range of uses/applications from general education about the environment to data-driven permit applications concerning groundwater and mineral resources. Please browse our webpage <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/gsu/index.htm> or contact us at [geology@des.nh.gov](mailto:geology@des.nh.gov) for further information.

### **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 in 2017. Applications are accepted throughout the year. 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](mailto:luis.adorno@des.nh.gov).

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