



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](#)

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 hww@des.nh.gov

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>.

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.

Electric Vehicle Purchasing Information

Did you know that municipalities can purchase electric vehicles (EVs) and other advanced technology and higher fuel economy vehicles off the state contract? EVs make sense for light-duty fleet diversification and may cost less in total cost of ownership than conventional gasoline and diesel vehicles. Plus, there are the added benefits of using less energy and contributing less pollution. View the 2019 Vehicle Index list, which includes total cost of ownership analysis, located at this link on the NH Administrative Services website:

https://das.nh.gov/purchasing/Contracts_posteddate.asp?sort=cna

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

Save the Date- Friday, April 19, 2019, State Revolving Loan Fund and Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund 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) and the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund (Trust Fund) on April 19, 2019 at NHDES, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH. The event will offer a series of topics including updates regarding the SRF and the Trust Fund Loan Programs 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 or Trust

Fund 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.

Has YOUR Solid Waste Operator Staff Received the Most UTD Basic Training?

In 2019 the SW Operator Training Program will be offering a Basic Training Refresher Course in Keene, Portsmouth, Concord and Lincoln. We are inviting operators who have not taken Basic Training or a Refresher course since 2011 to attend one of these four classes. For more information on whether that applies to your staff or to register for the classes, please contact Tara Mae Albert at (603) 271-3713 or Tara.Albert@des.nh.gov.

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

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.

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 has an 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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