



## 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](#)

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

**Forms for filing your 2018 Annual Solid Waste Facility Report** are available at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swmb/css/categories/forms.htm#annual>. **ALL REPORTS ARE DUE BY MARCH 31.** Please make sure you choose the correct form for your *type of facility*. If you have questions, please contact the Solid Waste Management Bureau at (603) 271-2925 or [solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov](mailto:solidwasteinfo@des.nh.gov)

### NHDES Wetland Rules Update

On March 20, 2019, NHDES filed Final Proposed rules. The rulemaking notices, proposed rules, and updated BMPs are found here:

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

NHDES expects these rules to be on the agenda for the April 26, 2019, JLCAR meeting.

### New Hampshire Hosts 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference in Portsmouth

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC), NHDES Watershed Assistance Section, and EPA Region 1 are hosting the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Nonpoint Source (NPS) Conference on April 18 and 19 at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel in Portsmouth, NH. This conference brings together all those in New England and New York State involved in the management of NPS pollution, including participants from state, federal and municipal governments, the private sector, academia and watershed organizations. For more information and to register, visit:

<http://neiwppc.org/our-programs/nps/annual-nps-conference/>

### 2019 Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (SRF) & Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund Workshop

The New Hampshire Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Programs will be hosting a workshop with the New Hampshire Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust (DWGT) Fund on **April 19, 2019** at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services in Concord, NH. The workshop will provide program updates, past borrower experiences, and afternoon sessions geared towards drinking water and wastewater system operators, managers, engineers, decision makers, etc. A preliminary agenda and registration information is available at:

<https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/capacity/documents/srf-workshop.pdf>

### National Drug Takeback Day is April 27, 2019

For information on the location of drop boxes in New Hampshire or how to participate with dozens of other law enforcement agencies in the National Drug Takeback day on April 27, 2019, go to [www.nh.gov/medsafety](http://www.nh.gov/medsafety)

### Street Sweepers Take Notice

Spring is here, and street and sidewalk cleaning season is upon us. NHDES would like to remind municipalities to minimize dust by use of wet sweep methods, sweep on calm, less windy days, and avoid using leaf blowers to blow sand. The dust leaf blowers create is unhealthy to breathe, inhibits visibility, and is a nuisance. For more information, please visit [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov), A-Z list, Dust.

### Outdoor Wood Boiler Webinar Recorded

The NH Municipal Association and NHDES recently conducted a webinar on outdoor wood boilers and open burning regulations. The webinar is now available on YouTube and may be accessed at <https://youtu.be/pbkJrLszHb4>.

### 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. With the Spring construction season here, homeowners and contractors will be applying for building permits. Please direct them to NHDES for guidance on their projects. For

information on asbestos requirements contact NHDES at (603) 271-1373, or visit Asbestos Program website at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/cb/ceps/ams/index.htm>

### **Emergency Generators - NHDES Approvals and Installation Requirements**

Any facility installing an emergency electrical generator with an aboveground petroleum storage tank (AST) having a capacity of more than 660-gallons must submit an AST application to the Waste Management Division of NHDES for construction approval a minimum of 45 days prior to installation. This is true whether the AST forms an integral part of the generator enclosure or is free standing. It is unlawful to install and to operate such an emergency generator or AST without prior NHDES approval. NHDES is stepping up enforcement of the AST laws and will seek to impose fines against those who illegally install and operate an emergency generator having an AST capacity of more than 660 gallons, in accordance with the NHDES Compliance Assurance Response Policy. For more information on the AST application and approval process, please contact Charles Corliss at (603) 271-6058 or visit the "Aboveground Storage Tank" program on the NHDES website at <https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/orcb/ocs/astp/index.htm>

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

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