



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 (DES). Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well.

Emergency Bulk Water Deliveries

As a result of this summer's dry weather many public water systems may need emergency bulk water deliveries. This is a reminder that all bulk water deliveries for public water systems, including municipal systems, must follow requirements listed in Env-Dw 304, Emergency Bulk Water for Public Water Systems. While DES does not encourage this method of supplying water it may be the only viable alternative in some situations. If you have any questions, contact Johnna McKenna at (603) 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov. See DES fact sheet WD-DWGB-18-2 for a list of requirements, haulers and a notification forms at www.des.nh.gov and choose "Publications/Fact Sheets" from the Quick Links menu. Remember, too, that pumping water into private wells to recharge the well is not legal; please see fact sheet WD-DWGB-1-6.

2011 Local Source Water Protection Grants Now Available

Applications for the 2011 round of Local Source Water Protection grants are now available on DES's website. The application deadline is **November 1**, 2010. The grants are available to public water suppliers, municipalities, regional planning agencies, non-profit organizations, educational institutions, conservation districts, and state agencies. Grantees can receive up to \$20,000 to protect public drinking water sources through improved watershed planning, delineation of protection areas, assessment of threats to water supply sources, implementation, source security and conservation. For more information, contact Johnna McKenna at (603) 271-7017 or johnna.mckenna@des.nh.gov. Applications can be found at www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm.

Application Deadline Nears for Watershed Restoration Grants

DES announces the availability of Watershed Restoration Grants to support local initiatives to control nonpoint source pollution and address pollution problems in impaired waters. Approximately \$450,000 will be available for Watershed Restoration projects this year, pending EPA and state approvals. Based on expected budget requirements, we anticipate funding between three and six projects this year. Governmental subdivisions and non-profit organizations are eligible. The deadline for submitting is **Sept. 3**. For information, contact Jeff Marcoux at (603) 271-8862 or jeffrey.marcoux@des.nh.gov or see <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/was/categories/grants.htm>.

Clarification on State Used Oil Contracts

Please note that State Used Oil Contracts are available for use by political subdivisions with "no hitches." This means that municipalities, and other political subdivisions, should not be charged a "stop fee," "recovery fee" or any other fee, and should receive a minimum credit of 15-cents/gallon for the off-site shipment of clean, Used Oil for Recycle through January 31, 2011. This holds true for all political subdivisions *regardless of the volume of used oil shipped*, even if less than 300 gallons. For further information, please contact Tim Noury, DES Used Oil Program, at usedoil@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-6424.

Vehicle Salvage Yard Brochures and Holders

The NH Green Yards Program has new brochures outlining the significance of sending an end-of-life vehicle to an environmentally-responsible, motor vehicle salvage yard that has been issued the proper license. To ensure that these brochures are available to the public at each town office, the program has purchased enough holders for each municipality. For your brochures and holder, please contact Tara Mae Albert at tara.albert@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2938.

National Protect Your Groundwater Day – September 14, 2010

September 14 marks the first "National Protect Your Groundwater Day" to raise awareness about the importance of protecting groundwater resources. New Hampshire uses approximately **94 million gallons of groundwater per day** – primarily as a source for domestic water supply for nearly 800,000 residents. For more information about the event and how to plan an activity for your community in 2011, contact DES at (603) 271-0688 or visit <http://www.ngwa.org/>.

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