



## 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). We respectfully request that the following is read into the minutes of your municipal committees, councils and boards. Please feel free to post it on your municipal website as well.

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### **Salvage yard licenses renewal date has been moved back**

The date for renewing town-issued motor vehicle salvage yards has been changed from April 1 to July 1 per RSA 236:121. This applies to both existing and new licenses. Also, as a reminder, based on a 2007 change in the statute, all motor vehicle salvage yard license applications must include certification by the license applicant that the facility is in compliance with best management practices established by DES. The BMPs and a sample compliance certification statement are posted at the Green Yards program's web page on [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov). If you have any questions about the BMP compliance certification, please contact Tara Mae Albert at [tara.albert@des.nh.gov](mailto:tara.albert@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-2938. Questions about administering the local license application process, including the change in renewal date, should be referred to town counsel or the NH Municipal Association.

Posters and brochures on the proper disposal of end-of-life vehicles are available to municipal officials and applicable businesses through DES. The message points out the environmental ramifications of improperly disposed of junked cars and the benefits of using licensed motor vehicle salvage yards. To download a copy of the brochure, see "Where Junk Cars Go" under Publications on the Green Yards program's web page on [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov). The posters have the same message as the brochure. Please contact Tara Mae Albert at [tara.albert@des.nh.gov](mailto:tara.albert@des.nh.gov) or (603) 271-2938, if you would like copies of the posters or brochures.

### **Land Resources Workshop: March 5, 23 & April 23**

DES's annual Land Resource Management Workshop will be held on March 5, March 23 and April 23 in Concord. The one-day workshop is geared toward municipal officials and volunteer board members, wetland scientists, land surveyors, foresters and engineers. This year's topics include the Stream Crossing Rules, which are currently in rulemaking; the science of moving water (fluvial geomorphology); the role of the Natural Scientists Board; updates from the DES Subsurface Systems, Shoreland and Wetlands programs; and the process for obtaining multiple permits from DES. A nominal registration fee will be charged. Go to the Wetlands program page on [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov) for registration information.

### **Small Businesses Can Reap Big Benefits from a Safe & Healthy Environment**

Do you have an employer in your town that could benefit by reducing the costs associated with workplace injuries and illnesses? DES offers a FREE, confidential program designed to assist employers improve their bottom lines by reducing these costs. The OSHA Consultation Program has professional staff who visit small companies around the state and advise them on how to keep employees safe and healthy, while helping to keep the business competitive. For more information, contact Steve Beyer at (603) 271-8590 or [stephen.beyer@des.nh.gov](mailto:stephen.beyer@des.nh.gov), or click on "Occupation Safety & Health" in the A to Z List at [www.des.nh.gov](http://www.des.nh.gov).

### **Reminder: Annual Facility Reports Due in March**

Annual facility reports for landfills, transfer stations and recycling centers are due March 31, 2010. Forms and information are available at [http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/facility\\_report.htm](http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/waste/swrtas/facility_report.htm).

### **DES Seacoast Office has Moved**

The DES Portsmouth regional offices have moved down the road from 50 International Drive to 222 International Drive, Suite 175, Portsmouth. For directions and a map to the new location, please see [www.des.nh.gov/contactus/regional.htm](http://www.des.nh.gov/contactus/regional.htm).

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