



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 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. Read *Municipal EcoLink* at:
<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pip/newsletters/ecolink/index.htm>

Grants Available Communities within the Southern I-93 Corridor & Lake Massabesic Watershed

DES has just over \$1.5 million in federal funds available for the conservation of critical drinking water supply lands in the Lake Massabesic watershed and I-93 corridor communities of Salem, Windham, Derry, Londonderry and Manchester, as well as portions of Auburn, Hooksett, Candia and Chester. Municipalities and non-profit land trusts may apply for grants to cover up to 25 percent of the cost of purchasing land or conservation easements critical to the quality of their public drinking water supply. Eligibility applications are due **October 1**, 2012. Grants will be awarded based on priority ranking and availability of funding. More information, including a map of the eligible areas and copies of application forms are available online at http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/land_acqui/index.htm or by contacting Holly Green at (603) 271-3114 or <mailto:holly.green@des.nh.gov>.

Does Your Municipality Use Hazardous/Petroleum Waste Disposal Contractors?

The State Purchase & Property Division recently announced the award of a hazardous/petroleum waste disposal contract to United Oil Recovery (d.b.a. United Industrial Services) located in Newington. It is a three-year contract for the characterization, consolidation, containment and transport/disposal of small quantities of hazardous wastes, used primarily by the State Lab and the DES Spill Response and Complaint Investigation Section. However, this contract can be used by any other state agency, institution or municipality for hazardous waste and petroleum disposal. For more information, contact Steve Croce, DES, at (603) 271-2229 or steven.croce@des.nh.gov.

Ordinances and Junkyard Locations

On July 28, 2012, [Senate Bill 340](#) relative to locations for junkyards, became effective. This law allows municipalities that have not adopted zoning ordinances to establish setback requirements for junkyards and automotive recycling yards. The addition to RSA 236:118 reads as follows, "In a municipality that has not enacted a zoning ordinance, the local governing body may adopt an ordinance establishing lesser setback requirements than those established in paragraph III. All other provisions and setbacks were not changed." For more information on how this change may affect your municipality or on licensing automotive recycling yards in your town, please contact the Local Government Center at (603) 224-7447.

On-line Permit-by-Notification for Rock Crushing Plants

Do you have a rock crushing facility in your town? Non-metallic mineral processing plants, commonly known as "rock crushing plants" or "rock crushers," can now submit the permit-by-notification forms to DES electronically. DES recently revised Administrative Rule Env-A 2800 to simplify the air permitting process for rock crushing plants. The DES OneStop Data Information System allows new and existing rock crushing plant owners and operators to: register rock crushing plants under the Permit-by-Notification; update equipment list; enter results of visible emission testing; and submit a Notice of Relocation. For more information concerning rock crusher permit-by-notifications, contact Barbara Dorfschmidt, senior state permit engineer, at (603) 271-6796, airpermitbynotification@des.nh.gov or go on-line at www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/air/pehb/apps/rock-crushers.htm.

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