



July 2026 - eBulletin

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

The UVLSRPC newsletter returns this month as summer arrives in the Upper Valley. The work never stops here at the RPC -- the eBulletin has everything you need to stay in the loop!

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UVLSRPCorner

Join us every month in the **UVLSRPCorner** to learn more about our projects and the staff behind them!

This month: USDA Grant

Late last year, UVLSRPC received grant funding from the USDA to continue our work with solid waste management. The ongoing goals we continue to achieve with this grant include: organic waste reduction and education by advancing municipal, home, and school composting, school chemical safety education through webinars, household hazardous waste collections, and waste management technical assistance training.

We have some exciting events happening going into the spring and summer months through this grant! UVLSRPC staff will be attending outreach events at Farmers' Markets and Old Home Days to talk about compost, hosting household hazardous waste collections for our communities, assisting with school chemical safety webinars, and more! Please visit uvlsrpc.org/environment/household-hazardous-waste/ for more information.

If you'd like to learn more about this grant and our work, contact Vickie Davis (vdavis@uvlsrpc.org), Tim Josephson (tjosephson@uvlsrpc.org), or Grace Jackson (gjackson@uvlsrpc.org).

More UVLSRP News

UVLSRPC Data Collection

UVLSRPC offers data collection and assessments of various roadway infrastructure for towns. Assessment criteria was created in collaboration with NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), UNH T2, the Regional Planning Commissions, and other State

agencies. Data collected can be utilized to create long-term maintenance plans, understand forecasted improvement costs, identify priority vulnerable infrastructure, as well as be used to support grant applications.

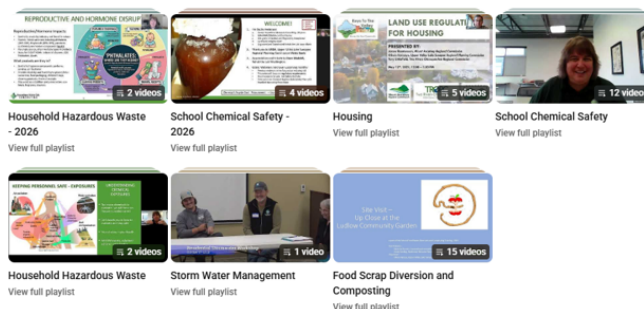
UVLSRPC currently offers data collection and assessment for:

- Stream Crossings/Culverts
- Drainage Culverts
- Pedestrian Facilities (e.g. crosswalks, sidewalks, bike lanes)
- Pavement Road Surface Management and Maintenance Forecasting

UVLSRPC has some funding to provide cost share opportunities for member communities on a first come first served basis. Please reach out to Ian Garland at igarland@uvlsrpc.org for more information!

Check Out the UVLSRPC YouTube Page

Have you seen our YouTube channel? Just click here [Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC - NH - YouTube](#) and see our playlists of webinars and videos as shown below:



- 2026 HHW Webinars: Everyday Toxic Products, High Hazards at HHW Collections
- 2026 School Chemical Safety Webinars: Four webinars are uploaded and more will be added as they are presented later this year. You can find additional information below!
- 2025 School Chemical Safety Webinars: 12 webinars with chemist Becky Andersen of Hazardous Materials Consulting
- 2025 HHW Webinars: HHW Coordinator Trainings
- 2023 Residential Stormwater Education in Claremont
- 2020 Food Scrap Diversion and Composting Webinars

Emergency Preparedness

If you'd like to sign up to receive alerts about hazardous weather in your area, visit [NH Alerts](#) and enter your email and/or phone number.



Transportation

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Volunteer Drivers needed in Sullivan County! If you would like to help your fellow community members with appointment needs outside of the regular bus routes, please consider becoming a Volunteer Driver with Sullivan County Transportation. In 2025, the Volunteer Driver program had a total of 2,354 one-way trips that were requested, and 1,859 of those one-way trips were fulfilled. On average, 80% of the one-way rides requested last year were fulfilled.

Volunteer Drivers receive training and professional development as well as mileage reimbursement at 67 cents per mile. Volunteers decide what rides to accept and make their own schedule.

Please contact Terri Curtis, Volunteer Driver Program Coordinator, for more information: 603-542-9609 or tcurtis@scshelps.org

ABLE NH TrEq Lunch & Learn- Community Ridesharing: The Underexplored Option of Neighbor Helping Neighbor

Join ABLE NH's Transportation Equity Task Force for a for a Lunch & Learn on Ridesharing, which is defined as on-demand rides using a personal vehicle driven by its owner, as part of an arrangement made using an app or other digital platform. We will explore ridesharing initiatives in NH and discuss how forming ridesharing initiatives can be beneficial for communities. This event will include a presentation and Q&A. Attendees will receive a one-pager on highlights from the session and information on how to take next steps!

Participants may join on Zoom at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84389460204> or by using Meeting ID 843 8946 0204. For those who need one, a calendar invite can be copied from the ABLE NH Community Calendar at <https://ablenh.org/events/>

Community Ridesharing:

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Featured Speaker

Steve Workman, Director of Transport New Hampshire



Mark your calendars for:

July 17, 12-1 PM

Zoom Meeting ID 843 8946 0204
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84389460204>

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Environment and Energy

Brownfields Grant Award

UVLSRPC was one of 193 grants awarded across the country as part of **this year's round of brownfields multipurpose, assessment, and cleanup grants** from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This \$500,000 grant will allow the RPC to conduct important environmental assessment work of sites with known contamination. The assessment process is an important step in remediating brownfields and promoting adaptive reuse and economic revitalization in our region.

This is the fourth brownfields award that the RPC has received from EPA. Previous rounds of funding have supported assessment and cleanup planning on over a dozen sites across the region — leveraging \$67 million in public and private funds in the effort to remediate and/or reuse environmentally contaminated sites. This latest grant is a great opportunity to extend this important work in our communities.

Work on this grant will begin on October 1st. If you are interested in UVLSRPC's brownfields program, own property that may be eligible for assessment funding, or wish to serve on our region's **Brownfields Advisory Committee**, please contact John Haffner at jhaffner@uvlsrpc.org.

School Chemical Safety Webinars to Come

We have held four webinars so far with Becky Andersen of Hazardous Materials Consulting in Iowa for the school chemical safety training. These are well received as she is such a talented and experienced trainer with hands-on experience working with hazardous materials in schools and the industry. The feedback from previous participants included comments to bring Becky back—and that's what we're doing.

All webinars are from 10-11:30 AM and are recorded and available on our YouTube channel here: [Upper Valley Lake Sunapee RPC - NH - YouTube](#). Schools are required to develop chemical hygiene and lab safety plans and provide training. Your school can take advantage of these resources! We are working with the NH Department of Education and Department of Environmental Services as well as Primex.

To learn more about the school chemical safety webinars and to register, please go to <https://tinyurl.com/SchChemSafety>. All webinars will be recorded for future training tools.

Coming up are:

1. Documentation Requirements (July 14)
2. Writing the Chemical Hygiene & Lab Safety Plan – Part 1 (August 4)
3. Writing the Chemical Hygiene & Lab Safety Plan – Part 2 (August 18)
4. Implementing Classroom Standard Operating Procedures (September 15)
5. PCBs and Vapes/E-Cigarettes in Schools (September 29)

Contact Victoria Davis at vdavis@uvlsrpc.org for more information.



School Chemical Safety Webinar Series

PROVIDED BY THE UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH 10 | MARCH 24 | APRIL 7 | APRIL 14 | JULY 14

AUGUST 4 | AUGUST 18 | SEPTEMBER 15 | SEPTEMBER 29

ALL WEBINARS WILL BE HELD 10 - 11:30 A.M., INCLUDING Q&A
REGISTER AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SCHCHEMSAFETY](https://tinyurl.com/schchemsafety)

Divert Food Waste at Your Transfer Station

The UVLSRPC is partnering with NHDES and the Town of New London to offer a workshop for transfer station workers! Paige Wilson from NHDES and Maureen Prohl from New London will discuss how you can divert food waste at your transfer station

facility in this "choose your own adventure" format. Resources will be shared along the way to set you up for success, regardless of the "adventure" you choose.

This workshop will take place on Monday, August 3rd from 9:30am-1pm at the Gordon Hall in Colby Sawyer College, located at 541 Main Street in New London. A networking lunch will be provided after the training ends. Space is limited to 30 people!

To learn more and register, scan the QR code, or click this link here:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/r4ajaxc>

Note: This workshop is eligible for SWOT training hours.

Divert Food Waste at Your Transfer Station: Helping you "Choose Your Own Adventure"



UVLSRPC is partnering with Paige Wilson from NHDES and Maureen Prohl from New London to provide a workshop for food waste management options that can take place at a town's transfer station! This workshop is eligible for SWOT training hours.



Monday, August 3rd from 9:30am-1pm
Colby Sawyer College, Gordon Hall
541 Main St, New London, NH 03257

Register Here!



<https://tinyurl.com/3z9rvm4n>

**LIMITED TO
30 SEATS**

Questions? Contact Grace Jackson, gjackson@uvlsrpc.org

Green Stormwater Municipal Regulations Webinar Model Stormwater Standards Newly Released by the UNH Stormwater Center

Stormwater management standards are to provide guidance for the regulation of stormwater runoff protecting local natural resources and downstream properties from flooding, erosion, and degradation. Green Stormwater Standards provide that the *stormwater generated on a site, stay on the site*. It is important to recognize that sites can be designed to retain their stormwater instead of making it someone else's problem. "Someone else" could be the municipality: roads and drainage systems, or it could be the neighbor.

Please join us to learn how to incorporate green stormwater standards into existing municipal regulations and ordinances: a Quick Overview of Stormwater and Green Stormwater Infrastructure; Encouraging GSI installations to keep water where it's generated and not spilling into the road or abutting properties; Maintenance requirements and responsibility; Incorporating GSI into existing regulations and ordinances. This webinar will be recorded for future viewing and available through the UVLSRPC website and YouTube Channel.

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 26, 2026; 1:00 – 2:00 PM

Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/StormwaterRegulationsWebinar>

Model Stormwater Standards Newly Released by the UNH Stormwater Center

Model standards by the [UNH Stormwater Center](#) have just been released to assist municipalities in improving existing regulations and ordinances to address stormwater. Have a look at the model standards [here](#).

The Model Stormwater Management Standards (2026) prepared by the University of New Hampshire Stormwater Center establish a foundational framework to guide stormwater regulations that protect local natural resources, prevent property degradation, and control post-construction runoff rates and volumes by keeping the stormwater *on the site*.

Though these standards were developed to assist municipalities with compliance with the EPA MS4 Stormwater Permit, these standards are applicable to any community managing stormwater as the core guidelines focus on universal environmental objectives such as preserving natural watershed functions, utilizing Low Impact Development and Green Stormwater Infrastructure practices, and safeguarding groundwater and surface water quality. Towns not subject to the MS4 Permit have no federal mandate to adopt these rules. However, the UNH Stormwater Center designed these model standards so that *any* New Hampshire community can voluntarily adopt them or adopt sections of them as needed. Doing so provides a ready-made legal framework to protect local infrastructure from flooding, maintain groundwater recharge, and preserve water quality using proven LID strategies.

2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Days

UVLSRPC contracts with a hazardous waste disposal service to collect household hazardous waste from towns throughout our region. These collections happen several times in varying locations throughout the year. Many towns choose to cover the cost of disposal for their residents, so if your household is located within one of these towns listed below then the collection is free.

If you do not live in one of the listed towns, then there is a \$35 fee to dispose of up to 25 pounds or 5 gallons of waste. **ALL BUSINESSES MUST PRE-REGISTER 2 WEEKS BEFORE EVENT BY CALLING 603-448-1680 OR EMAILING TJOSEPHSON@UVLSRPC.ORG FOR A PRICE QUOTE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Residents with more than 5 gallons/25 pounds of household hazardous waste may be charged a fee for the excess depending on the amount of waste brought to the collection. Please call to pre-register and get a price quote if you have a large amount of HHW materials.

All payments must be cash or check made out to UVLSRPC. No credit cards are accepted at HHW events. **NO BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AT HHW COLLECTIONS THIS YEAR. THIS INCLUDES LITHIUM-ION RECHARGABLE BATTERIES. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL TRANSFER STATION FOR PROPER DISPOSAL.**

2026 Collection Days: **All collections are 9am-Noon**

- Saturday, August 8th, Newbury: Highway Garage, 50 South Rd

- Saturday, September 26th, Lebanon: DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd

Contact Tim Josephson (tjosephson@uvlsrpc.org), or visit uvlsrpc.org/environment/household-hazardous-waste/ for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste

2026 COLLECTION DAYS

ALL COLLECTIONS
9AM TO NOON
RAIN OR SHINE

Sat, May 2: Lebanon: DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd

Sat, May 30: Claremont: Highway Garage, 8 Grandview St

Fri, July 10: Grantham: Town Offices, 300 Route 10 South

Sat, Aug 8: Newbury: Highway Garage, 50 South Rd

Sat, Sept 26: Lebanon: DHMC Lot 27, 52 Labombard Rd


**SCAN FOR
MORE INFO**

UP TO 5 GALLONS/25 POUNDS FREE to residents from Canaan, Claremont, Cornish, Croydon, Enfield, Grantham, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, New London, Newbury, Newport, Orange, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity, Washington, and Wilmot. (Other towns' residents welcome for a \$35 fee) **ALL BUSINESSES/ LANDLORDS & ANYONE with 5 gal/25lbs or more must pre-register 2 weeks prior for price quote**

WHAT TO BRING:

- Pesticides & Herbicides, Flea/ Tick Treatments
- Antifreeze, Dirty Gas & Kerosene
- Adhesives & Driveway Sealer
- Mercury Thermostats/ Thermometers
- Household Cleaners & Polishes
- Hobby & Pool Chemicals
- Lead Fishing Tackle
- Smoke Detectors
- Oil-Based Paint (NOT LATEX)
- Solvents, Varnishes, Stains
- Not sure? Contact us!

Vapes and other oddball items?
Call or email for more info to pre-register

WHAT NOT TO BRING

DO NOT BRING ANY BATTERIES TO HHW COLLECTIONS

Aerosol cans, empty: Recycle with scrap metal.

Ammunition and explosives: Call State Police at 271-3636.

Asbestos: Contact a licensed asbestos specialist.

Batteries, alkaline: Most non-rechargeable batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and 9-volt) are trash in NH. Tape 9-volt terminals before disposal to avoid fire in your trash

Batteries, automotive: Take to auto parts store or your transfer station

Batteries, lithium-ion and all rechargeable: Take these to your town transfer station for proper disposal.

Fire extinguishers: Recycle empty extinguishers (NRRA takes from towns)

Fluorescent lights/ballasts: May be taken at your town facility. Check with your town. Food Co-ops and Home Depot may take CFLs (spiral bulbs), not tubes

Latex paint: Use kitty litter, sawdust, or shredded paper to dry out latex paint; throw in your trash. Empty, dry metal cans may be recycled as scrap metal at your recycling facility. If it says, "clean up with soap and water," it's latex

Medical sharps: Place in a rigid container (e.g. detergent bottle), seal cap with duct tape, and label container "**SHARPS — NOT FOR RECYCLING**" Dispose of with regular trash by handing to a waste collector — **do NOT throw in trash**

Medicine: See www.twinstatesafemeds.com for police stations taking meds

Propane or helium tanks: Contact town transfer station about empty tanks

Used motor oil: Take to town transfer station or a service station for recycling



Questions? Contact the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission
(603) 448-1680 + tjosephson@uvlsrpc.org + <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org>

Universal Waste & Waste Bans w/NHDES Q&A: Free Training for Transfer Station Operators & Solid Waste Personnel

The RPC will provide a free training and lunch on Thursday, September 24 from 10 AM to 12:30 PM at the Unity Town Hall at 892 2nd NH Turnpike. Trainers will be Julie Ashton, NHDES Hazardous Waste Certification Program Leader, and Tara Albert, NHDES Solid Waste Operator Training & Certification Coordinator. We will be in the meeting room accessed from the lower parking lot behind the building. Everyone is welcome with registration and lunch selection.

There will also be an overview of the solid waste banned from landfills including wet-cell batteries, leaf & yard waste, electronic devices (updated 2024), mercury-added products, commercial/institutional food waste (since 2025), and lithium-ion batteries

(since 2025) including batteries for electric bikes, lawncare equipment, toys, and portable electronics like phones and laptops. Focus will be on more recent bans. The training will also focus on universal waste including aerosol cans, automotive antifreeze, cathode ray tubes (CRTs) found in TVs and monitors, fluorescent lamps, and other mercury-added products such as button cell batteries, thermometers, thermostats, and tilt switches.

Tara and Julie will also provide time for an open solid waste topic Q&A discussion. Got a question? This workshop is the time to ask.

Vickie Davis at UVLSRPC will be retiring in October 2026, so please come to this final workshop for the USDA 2025-2026 grant project.

To register, click [here](#) or go to <https://tinyurl.com/UniWaste>. If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Davis at vdavis@uvlsrpc.org.

Municipal Support and Economic Development

Need to Update the Municipal Solid Waste Transfer & Recycling Facility Operating Plan? We Can Help for Free

The Commission has a USDA grant that includes assisting municipalities to create or update their solid waste transfer & recycling facility operating plan. The NH Department of Environmental Services requires this plan and it provides the guidelines of day-to-day operations for all transfer station operators. This is incredibly helpful if key personnel become ill, go on vacation, or change jobs. Remaining workers can look to this plan to follow facility operation requirements. This plan should be updated whenever there are changes at the facility.

Components of the plan include: 1. Facility Identification; 2. Authorized and Prohibited Waste; 3. Route Operations Plan; 4. Residual Waste Management Plan; 5. Facility Maintenance, Inspection, and Monitoring Plan; 6. Contingency Plan; 7. Employee Training Plan; 8. Recordkeeping and Reporting 9. Facility Site Plan (sketch). A Closure Plan is also required, which is much simpler, and we can help with that too.

Our USDA grant ends on September 30, so if you'd like some help, please reach out to Vickie Davis at vdavis@uvlsrpc.org or call 603-448-5694.

NBRC Rural Health and Workforce Partnership Opportunity

An NBRC Partnership Program is currently open for applications. The Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities (WORC) Initiative Round 7 is a partnership between the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) and three regional commissions including the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC). WORC 7 will address the critical workforce needs of employers in high-growth and emerging industries across the Appalachian, Delta, and Northern Border regions (WORC regions). **The US Department of Labor is expected to make up to 24 awards and has \$49 million available. Grants will range from \$2 million - \$8 million, and applications are due July 23, 2026.**

Prospective applicants can watch a [pre-recorded webcast](#) to learn about applicant eligibility, allowable activities, performance reporting, and application procedures.

This program requires **strong collaborative partners**, and while the lead applicant must be a federally eligible business type, the program seeks collaboration from industry and employer associations, labor-management orgs, training providers, etc. This program **highlights EO 14278** and focuses on **registered apprenticeships**. The program seeks **'regional'** - multi-town, county or even state - initiatives.

Successful applicants will develop grant projects focused on at least one of the following **high growth and emerging industry sectors**:

- skilled trades/construction,
- health care,
- information technology,
- manufacturing,
- domestic energy production,
- business/professional services.

Community Happenings



Borrow an E-Bike!

The Upper Valley E-Bike Lending Library is a free selection of four e-bikes of assorted styles and retail costs that has one- and two-week residencies in towns and workplaces throughout the Upper Valley. While the e-bike library is stationed at a particular lending location, people can try multiple bikes at “Demo Days” or sign up to borrow a single bike overnight to see how an e-bike might fit into your lifestyle. Book a bike [here!](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Chris at 603-448-1680.

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