

National Prescription Drug Takeback Days



When you properly store and get rid of unused medications, you're doing your part to keep Vermonters—and Vermont—healthy and safe.

Next Drug Takeback Day: Saturday, October 26!

The Colchester Police Department is pleased to announce that, not only are they planning to participate in the Vermont Department of Health and DEA sponsored prescription drug takeback event on October 26, there is now a permanent drop-off kiosk located in the lobby of the Police Department for residents to dispose of unwanted medications. This kiosk is accessible 24 hours a day, every day.

This event intends to help prevent prescription drug abuse through proper disposal of medications. Properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications keeps them from being stolen or abused, and prevents the harm that can occur to drinking and surface waters as well as wildlife when medication is flushed. Onsite septic systems and centralized treatment facilities are not equipped to remove these substances from wastewater during treatment.

During the April 2019 event, 6,562 pounds of prescription medication was collected at dropoff sites around the state—the highest total since the program started in Vermont in 2015.

For more information about National Take Back Day, check out takebackday.dea.gov.

Stormwater Utility Information

The Town's stormwater utility began in 2017 as part of the Malletts Bay Initiative. The utility implements clean water programs, manages capital projects, and oversees regulations designed to improve and protect the community's water resources. For more info:

www.colchestervt.gov/1837/StormwaterUtility
Water Quality Hotline: (802)-264-5628
General stormwater inquiries: (802)-264-5620

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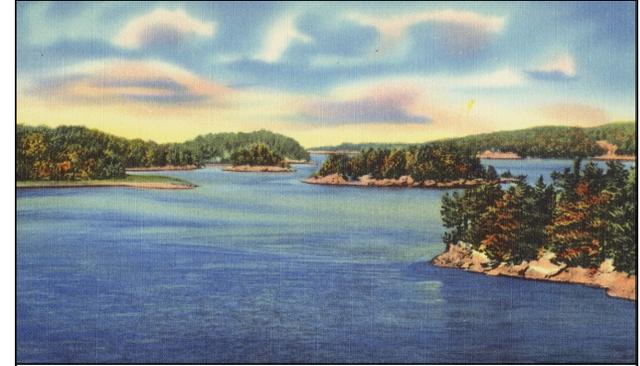
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Town of Colchester
Stormwater Utility

CLEAN WATER NEWSLETTER FALL 2019



Above: View of Marble Island as illustrated on a postcard from the early to mid-20th century.

As the leaves change and we ready for fall, here is the latest Colchester Stormwater Utility Clean Water Newsletter from the Department of Public Works. In this edition of the newsletter, learn about:

- Fall Project Updates
- Hercules Drive Culvert Project Completion
- 2019 BLUE® CVT Program
- Spring 2020 Billing Information
- National Prescription Takeback Day

? Did You Know ?

Colchester is home to over 3,000 acres of wetlands, and enjoys over 50 miles of shoreline along Lake Champlain, the Winooski and Lamoille Rivers, and Colchester Pond.

BLUE® CVT Pilot Program Update

Throughout spring and summer 2019, the stormwater utility offered a pilot program in partnership with watershed education organization BLUE® that proved to be very successful. The program offered site evaluations and recommendations to property owners on ways to manage stormwater runoff on their property.



Initially the utility had a goal of recruiting 20 participants, and ended up being able to offer services to 30 homeowners total. BLUE® staff will continue working with homeowners moving forward with improvements throughout the fall, and plans to have all financial rebates mailed to property owners by the end of the calendar year.

Due to the popularity of the program, the stormwater utility is evaluating ways to offer this program again to residential homeowners next spring and summer. Stay tuned for more information and thank you to all the homeowners that participated this year!

Below: Example of a rain barrel installation that was eligible for a rebate under the BLUE® CVT program offered this summer by the utility.



Ongoing Water Quality Projects

Fall Public Works Clean Water Projects

- The Department will be conducting a driveway culvert inventory this fall with the help of student interns. Driveway culverts are an important part of the roadside drainage network and this information will assist staff when responding to resident requests, preparing for storm events, and assist in capital planning efforts.
- A construction project at the intersection of Renkin and Colonial Drives in late October will involve the replacement of an existing stormwater structure that has failed.
- Improvements to drainage on Hillcrest Lane are planned to address ongoing issues with standing water on the surface of the roadway.
- Design work continues for a culvert replacement project under Lower Mountain View Drive, to be coordinated with the Exit 16 intersection project.
- Work continues on the development of the Town's phosphorus control plan, which must be completed by 2021 per state permit requirements.

Moorings Stream/Shore Acres Stormwater Project

This ongoing Malletts Bay Initiative water quality project is focused on the Moorings Stream watershed (the Shore Acres / Cedar Ridge neighborhood), and is partially funded by a grant from the VT Agency of Transportation. Conceptual plans for the project were presented to the public and State of Vermont in April of 2019. Feedback received from both the State and the public will be considered during the development of preliminary project plans, which will take place throughout the winter and spring of 2019/2020. These preliminary plans should be complete by early summer 2020, when there will be additional public meetings and input opportunities provided.

These improvements will help to filter and treat stormwater runoff before it reaches the Moorings Stream and ultimately, Lake Champlain. To view the conceptual plans for this project, please visit: <http://tinyurl.com/ShoreAcresProject>

Water Quality Projects (Cont.)

Hercules Drive Culvert Replacement

Over the summer, the stormwater utility completed a culvert replacement project on Hercules Drive. The metal culverts approximately 500 feet from the intersection of Hercules Dr and Roosevelt Highway were removed and replaced with a larger plastic culvert. This upgrade allows for additional water to pass under the roadway during storm events and ensures the roadway surface is safe for the traveling public. A big THANK YOU to drivers and surrounding property owners for their patience as we completed this important project.

Below: crews at work on Hercules Drive in August 2019.



Spring 2020 Billing Information

Annual stormwater utility invoices will be mailed in January 2020 with payments due February 21, 2020. These fees fund critical system repairs, keep the town stormwater system in compliance with state and federal water quality requirements, plan for future upgrades and improvements, perform water quality testing, and explore new stormwater treatment programs like BLUE® CVT (side panel).

Commercial properties are eligible to apply for credits to reduce their site fee. For more information about credits, visit the utility webpage listed on the front page of the newsletter.