



Maine Groundwater Newsletter

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Tim Doyle was a presenter at a previous Safety Meeting. This year's Annual Safety Meeting will be held Oct. 10 in Waterville. A speaker from the DEP will be discussing new erosion control issues and licensing that will go into effect soon. See page 3 for sign up form.

Mark Your Calendars

Here are the dates which have been set for various meetings. All are subject to change.

MGWA Director's are usually the second Monday of each month. They are at The Grand Hotel, 375 Main St. (Exit 130 off Rte.95), Waterville. The next regular meeting will be September 12 and the Annual Safety Meeting on Oct. 10

The Commission will be meeting on Oct. 4 and Nov. 1. They are held at 286 Water Street, Key Bank Plaza, in Augusta.

The NGWA Convention will be Nov. 29 - Dec. 2 in Las Vegas.

For questions on Commission business call Dave Braley at 207-441-5324

To send information for this newsletter or to make inquiries: Contact Ike or Jody Goodwin: Call - 225-2020, Fax - 224-7174, Email to jodyike@megalink.net

What to do in the event of water well flooding

The National Groundwater Association issued this press release to provide information to those affected by Hurricane Irene

WESTERVILLE, OH — August 24 - With Hurricane Irene on the way and water well flooding a real possibility in areas of the East Coast, household water well owners should know what to do in the event their wells get flooded, the National Ground Water Association said today.

An obvious concern is that floodwater loaded with bacteria, chemicals, or other pollutants may have gotten into the well, said Cliff Treyens, NGWA public awareness director.

A less obvious concern is electrical shock if a nonsubmersible pump or any part of the well electrical system is flooded.

After a flood one should:

1. Stay away from the well pump while it's flooded to avoid electrical shock
2. Not drink the water from the well or use it for washing to avoid becoming sick
3. Get help from a qualified water well contractor or pump installer to:

- * Clean and turn on the pump
- * Flush the well
- * Disinfect the well
- * Perform any other necessary maintenance.

As water wells are specialized systems that require knowledge and expertise to repair and disinfect, use bottled water or boil your water until a qualified water well system contractor can check out your well system, Treyens said.

Check with local health or environmental health authorities about other substances to test in well water following a flood, as

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FYI: Hearing to be held

The Maine Water Well Commission has set a Public Hearing on the Geothermal Rules for September 23rd, at 9:00 a.m. in the 3rd Floor Conference Room at the Key Bank Building on Water Street in Augusta.

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there may be pollutants of local concern. Use a qualified drinking water testing lab to advise you on how the sample should be taken to analyze the results, Treyens said.

Learn more about water testing and water well maintenance by visiting www.wellowner.org.

NGWA, a nonprofit organization composed of U.S. and international groundwater professionals — contractors, equipment manufacturers, suppliers, scientists, and engineers — is dedicated to advancing groundwater knowledge.

Maine Ground Water Association Safety Meeting & Workshop

Grand Hotel, 375 Main St., Waterville, ME
Monday, October 10, 2011

6 p.m. Dinner

7 p.m. Workshop – D.E.P. - Will be speaking on the new erosion control issues and licensing that will be going into effect in the near future.

You must RSVP by October 3, 2011 with a check and form below.

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Viva Las Vegas! NGWA Expo Nov. 29-Dec.2

WESTERVILLE, OH — July 20, 2011 - The 2011 Ground Water Expo and Annual Meeting is heading to Las Vegas for the second consecutive year November 29-December 2 following a record-breaking run in 2010, the National Ground Water Association announced today.

NGWA Executive Director Kevin B. McCray, CAE, said the upcoming 63rd Ground Water Expo and Annual Meeting is building upon the 2010 program that produced:

- First in number of exhibiting companies and organizations (321)
- Fourth largest number of suppliers (671)
- Fifth largest number of contractors (2,345)
- Fifth largest number of scientists and engineers (483)
- Thirty-six countries represented



NGWA's Secretary Pat Pratt, Rodney Pratt and Past President Barry Sandford at the NGWA Expo in Las Vegas.

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