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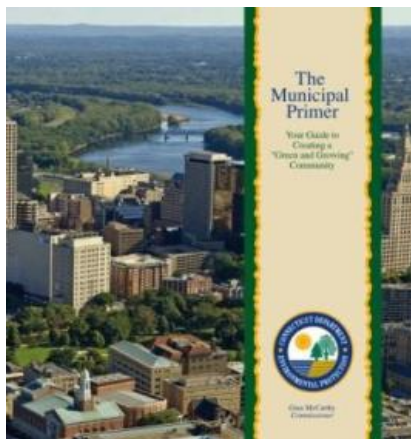
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The Municipal Primer Your Guide to Creating a "Green and Growing" Community



The Municipal Primer – Your Guide to Creating a "Green and Growing" Community (also called "The Municipal Primer") provides basic information and guidance to municipal officials on a wide variety of topics related to environmental protection so that local decision-makers are informed about key environmental topics. From land use decisions, to purchasing practices, to the operation of municipal facilities, and more, *The Municipal Primer* provides municipal officials with a tool that allows them to quickly determine which DEEP programs relate to any given situation and identifies sources of additional information, including web pages and staff contacts.

[The Municipal Primer can be downloaded from this page](#) or you may request a hard copy by sending an [e-mail](#) or by calling 860-424-3003.

Connecticut General Statutes Online

The majority of the fact sheets in *The Municipal Primer* provide Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) citations where relevant. Because web links to sections of the CGS change frequently, the statutory citations provided in *The Municipal Primer* are not hyperlinked to the actual statutory text. If you are interested in viewing the referenced statutory text, we recommend you visit the Connecticut General Assembly's web page for the most up-to-date version of the [General Statutes of Connecticut](#). On this web site you can search or browse the statutes for the section(s) of interest.

Updates

All updates to *The Municipal Primer* will be available only online.

12/23/10 - Response to Wood Burning Complaints in Connecticut - Guidance to support local health directors in their effort to address local nuisance complaints stemming from wood burning.

Reporting Errors

Please report any errors by e-mailing your observation to [Municipal Primer corrections](#).

Download The Municipal Primer

There are two ways to download *The Municipal Primer*: you can download the entire document or you can download it a section at a time. Please note that each PDF includes blank pages where necessary to allow for double-sided printing.

Download [The Municipal Primer](#) (PDF, 4.24MB).

To download individual sections of *The Municipal Primer*, select the appropriate section heading below.

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- Stormwater Management
- Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Stormwater Program
- Planning for a Flood & Other Natural Hazards (Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan)
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