



**Union Township Environmental Commission**  
Newsletter  
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**COMMISSIONERS' WELCOME**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND WELCOME to our newly redesigned newsletter. As an official arm of the local government, the Environmental Commission was formed to protect the environment and conserve natural resources. Our main objective is to make recommendations on all development plans brought before the Planning Board, as they affect Union Township's environment

and natural resources. Our second objective is to provide education for all township members on the environment and its resources. We look forward to sharing the latest information on these topics with you through this newsletter and encourage your participation.

Sincerely,  
*The Union Township Environmental Commission*

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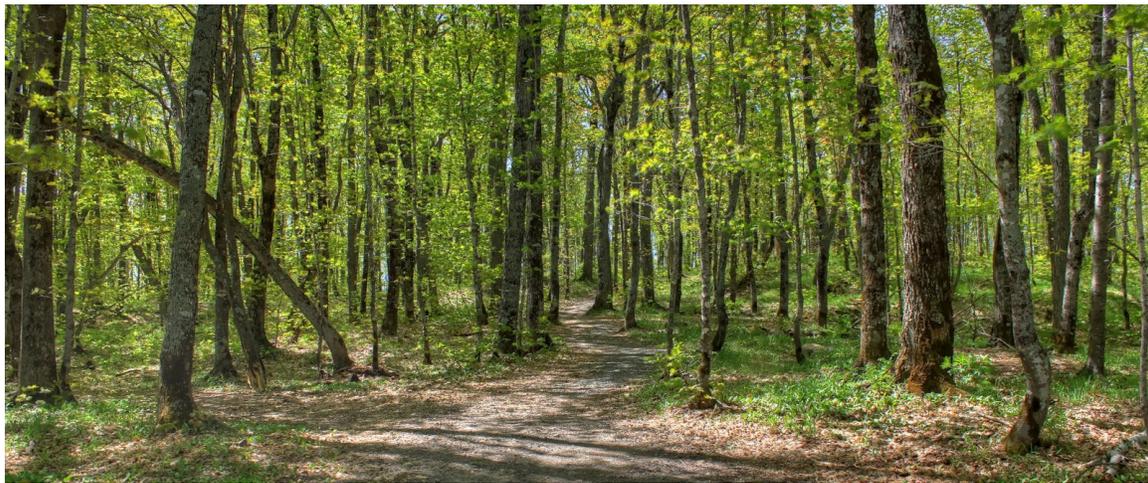
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UTEC  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Managing Private Land Forests

February 13, 2018 @ 7:00pm | 140 Perryville Road, Hampton



UTEC will host a talk by Evan Madlinger, a biologist from the National Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, on the management of forests on private land. This event is free and open to the public.

## UTEC Seeks Topics of Interest from Residents

Ongoing | [facebook.com/utec.hc](https://facebook.com/utec.hc)

Starting in 2018 UTEC will host presentations on environmental topics suggested by the community, and we would like to hear from you so that we can provide the topics you want to learn about. To contribute your ideas for topics please visit our Facebook page (URL on page 6) and post a comment with #2018speakerprogram and your suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Well Testing & Water Quality

October 10, 2017 | 140 Perryville Road, Hampton

UTECEC hosted a well testing discussion with Raritan Headwaters' Well Testing Program manager, Mara Tippet. Information on drinking water quality in our area and ways to protect your family from common waterborne contaminants was shared. A report on the results from the May 2017 Community Well Testing event in Union Township was also presented along with an overview of groundwater health in our watershed. For more information on the results of well testing in our area visit the UTECEC website (URL on page 6). For information on well testing in general visit Raritan Headwaters at [www.raritanheadwaters.org/protect/well-testing](http://www.raritanheadwaters.org/protect/well-testing)

# Union Township Community Day

September 17, 2017 | Hunterdon Hills Playhouse



Thank you to everyone who visited the UTECEC booth during the Union Township Community Day. Despite a cloudy start it turned out to be a beautiful day. We had a great turn out with several individuals stopping by to ask questions and discuss environmental topics. We even had a few younger residents sort some recycling as part of our interactive awareness booth. It was a great event and UTECEC was glad to be part of the Township's festivities.



## RESOURCES & REMINDERS

# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips

Fall 2017 | [cleanwater.nj.org](http://cleanwater.nj.org)



## HEALTHY LAWNs - HEALTHY WATER

1. Choose a no phosphorus and slow-release nitrogen fertilizer.
2. Apply fertilizer at the spreader setting shown on the bag.
3. Return any unused product to the original container for future use.
4. Do not apply fertilizer products if a heavy rain is predicted.
5. Sweep up excess fertilizer from paved surfaces.
6. Fertilize in the spring after the first lawn cutting and in the fall.
7. Soil tests can help identify if other nutrients are needed.
8. For information visit [www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater](http://www.nj.gov/dep/healthylawnshealthywater)



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## Municipal Recycling Center and Mini Dump

**Ongoing** | 140 Perryville Road, Hampton

The Union Township Recycling Center is open unattended daily during business hours. Attendants are available at the Recycling center when the Mini Dump is open. The Mini Dump is open the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 8 a.m. to Noon (OR UNTIL FULL), except for holiday weekends and inclement weather.

Mini Dump dumpster permits are mailed each year with your tax bill in July or early August. If you are renting, obtain the dumpster permit from the property owner/taxpayer. Each household may dispose of up to TWO (2) CUBIC YARDS of accepted material. This is about the size of a level pick-up truck bed. Materials should be compacted to the greatest extent possible. Materials not accepted include electronics, tires, and wood.

## County Transfer Station and Recycling Depot

**Ongoing** | 11 Petticoat Lane, Annandale

Waste not accepted at the municipal dumpster may be accepted at the Hunterdon County Transfer Station in Annandale for a disposal fee. For more information on hours of operation, fees, directions, and recycling and disposal guidelines call (908) 236-9088 or visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling/transferstation.html>

## Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Event

**March 10, 2018** | 314 State Route 12, Flemington

The Hunterdon County Complex will host a cleanup event for household hazardous waste from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on March 10, 2018. For more information visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling/cleanup.html>

## Special Collection Day for Computers and TVs

**April 14, 2018** | 314 State Route 12, Flemington

The Hunterdon County Complex will host a special collection day from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on April 14, 2018. For more information visit <http://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/recycling/electronics.html>



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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00pm.



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