

Dead of Winter Events to Keep you Going.....

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In the moments after a snowstorm concludes the great outdoors often become noticeably quieter.

The scientific reason behind the calming silence, when light, fluffy snow accumulates on the ground, is that it acts as a sound absorber, dampening sound waves much like commercial sound-absorbing products. When the snow surface melts and refreezes, becoming hard, it reflects sound waves, causing sounds to travel farther and clearer. The sound absorption is going to be at a maximum just after a new snow, but as it becomes hard or icy, then a lot of the sound is going to bounce back or be reflected. So, why is snow sometimes blue? [READ](#)

Tracking in the snow

Best tracks are after a new snowfall

Detailed info [HERE](#)

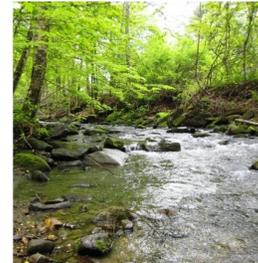


Woodstock "Snow Dump"

This will be the last winter the town of Woodstock will be dumping snow along the Ottauquechee River thanks to a community effort to relocate to a more favorable locating where salts and pollutants will not directly enter waterways. [READ](#) more!

Kedron Brook

Water testing along the Kedron Brook and into the Ottauquechee River has helped locate areas of concern regarding stream pollution. [Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission](#) will be moving forward to implement some improvements along Kedron Brook that will improve water quality and reduced flooding. Get involved! This program will rely on volunteer participation to be successful. Kick off meeting will be June 15 - Stay tuned!



Logging & the Landowner

Forty people joined the ONRCD presentation on current use and the logging process. County Forester Sam Schneski, logger John Adler and landowner Merle Bushkin each gave informative talks on their experiences with tree harvests. Want more info? [ONRCD](#)

Trail Use

Trail designer Jim Lyall talked about trail sustainability on Jan 28 & Feb 4 to a full house of attendees which included mountain bikers, equestrians and snowmobilers. This was part of a Vermont Community Foundation Small & Inspiring grant to bring people together to discuss ways to improve community and environment.

Recreational use of trails connect neighbors and allows for the enjoyment of being in nature. Jim pointed out the responsibilities of trail users to prevent erosion on trails to protect water quality.

This presentation is available - contact [ONRCD](#)



Vermont Climate Economy Partnership

Help communities build and implement plans that model state-of-the-art rural development in an age of climate change. The ultimate goal is to create “climate smart” communities throughout Vermont - get your town involved [HERE](#)



During fall 2016, the Watershed Management Division revisited places hit hard by Tropical Storm Irene in 2011. One such area was the Black River corridor through the towns of Plymouth and Ludlow. Read [HERE](#) how the hard work by local and State partners improved the resilience of waterways in the Black River/Lake Rescue watershed.

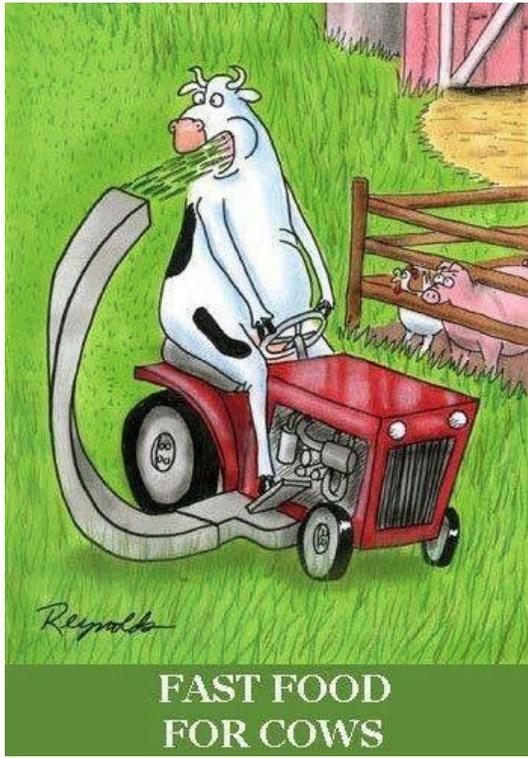


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Snow Rollers - [What](#) are they?
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