



Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater  
Management Association

## Membership Information 2023

The Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association (SOWMA) is the provincial not-for-profit organization established to educate, train and certify industry professionals. The association engages its member installers, septage haulers, suppliers, municipalities and provincial government departments to arrive at sound practices that strengthen the industry and ensure safe and effective septage management for all rural Saskatchewan. SOWMA members continue to strengthen and shape the onsite wastewater industry through their role as important stewards of the environment and key players in rural land use planning.

SOWMA Board Members and administration represent all members by participating in and sitting on a variety of committees and boards both provincially and nationally.

- **Recognized Onsite Wastewater Practitioner Training.** The SOWMA training program is recognized by Saskatchewan Ministry of Health as the accepted training for onsite wastewater practitioners in the Province.
- **Influencing provincial and municipal regulations.** The SOWMA participates in a variety of stakeholder groups that provide input to policy makers when regulatory changes that impact the onsite wastewater industry are being considered.
- **Influencing land use planning** in Saskatchewan. The SOWMA administration consults with the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, providing information on onsite wastewater technologies and resources to help them build effective and sustainable wastewater treatment and dispersal policies.
- **Public education and consultation.** A key component of having a healthy and effective onsite industry is ensuring that homeowners have access to the information they need to make sound decisions regarding their onsite wastewater systems. SOWMA provides information to the general public on the proper operation and maintenance of onsite systems, along with the importance of using a trained and certified contractor to design and install onsite wastewater systems, ultimately providing referrals to our member professionals.
- Holding **industry education and networking sessions.** The SOWMA will continue regional education days in order to maintain open lines of communication with our membership.
- **Monthly newsletters** are emailed or mailed out, keeping members abreast with advancements in the onsite industry.
- **Semi-annual industry magazine.**





**Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater  
Management Association**

**On the business front members can benefit from:**

- **Website listing** - Members are listed on our website directory in the regions in which they work. Homeowners utilize this directory service daily to locate contractors in their area.
- **Referral service** – The SOWMA regularly receives calls from homeowners requesting referrals to contractors in their region. The SOWMA only refers callers to SOWMA members.
- **Online member forum** – Pose technical questions on onsite wastewater issues and discuss solutions with fellow practitioners and professionals. Network with your fellow members.
- **Customized business insurance programs** through Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers.
- **Office supply discount program** – Every company has an office to provide infrastructure to their business and every office uses business supplies. Through a partnership with **Staples Advantage/Corporate Express**, SOWMA members may take advantage of savings of 60% or more on stationery and shop supplies. Staples Advantage/Corporate Express delivers your order right to your door, saving you time.
- **Credit card processing** - If you have customers that want to pay with a major credit card, and you do not have the capability of accepting credit card payments, then let us process that payment for you. Keep that cash flow moving by using our credit card processing service.
- **Soils sampling** – We have partnered with **ALS Environmental Laboratory** in Saskatoon & Regina (Depo location) to assist with your soil testing needs.
- **Group health plan** - Work with **Lane Quinn Benefit Consultants** to help you with prescriptions, eyeglasses, dental, critical illnesses and other coverages you may require, or speak with **Freedom 55 Financial** about creating a health spending account for your employees.
- **Additional benefits** –
  - Save 10% on work clothes by presenting the wallet card included in your membership package at the till with your purchases from any **Mark's** outlet.
  - Complimentary subscription to **Onsite Installer Magazine**.
  - Complimentary access to **Perkopolis**, which provides access to exclusive rates on entertainment, cinema, shows, tourist attractions, cosmetics, restaurants, travel, hotels, gyms, cell phones and more.

Over the course of 2023, SOWMA will continue to build its business service discount program incentives for members, so stay tuned for even more benefits to come.

SOWMA members also benefit from their affiliation with the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association, enabling them to access membership benefits, training and marketing opportunities across the four Western Provinces.

