



Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater
Management Association

2024 Membership Information

The Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Management Association (SOWMA) is a provincial chapter of the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association (WCOWMA). SOWMA and WCOWMA are not-for-profit industry-driven bodies formed to address regulatory issues affecting Western Canada's private sewage industry and to educate, train and certify industry professionals. As a provincial chapter of WCOWMA, SOWMA members receive the same benefits negotiated by WCOWMA.

Your Association nurtures and supports relationships with all stakeholders in the onsite wastewater industry, to simplify the way you do business. The primary focus of your Association is to promote an onsite wastewater industry that is provincially, regionally, nationally, and even internationally recognized as a leader towards positive change. Onsite wastewater industry professionals working together to build a strong industry have a greater ability to affect positive change.

Here is what your membership currently provides for you:

Advocacy

- Your Association represents you, the membership with stakeholder groups, such as the Ministry of Health, the Water Security Agency, the Ministry of Environment and others, providing input when policy and regulatory changes impact the onsite wastewater industry and when standards are being developed.
- The Board of Directors and administration team work with local and provincial government officials providing information and consultation on onsite wastewater technologies and resources helping them build effective and sustainable wastewater management policies.
- Your Association has a strong management team in Saskatchewan and throughout Western Canada to answer your questions and address your concerns in a prompt and efficient manner. They are there to assist you with regulatory, technical, and administrative issues.

Training

- The SOWMA training program is recognized by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Health for those wanting to design and install onsite wastewater systems in the province.
- Your Association provides a variety of opportunities for both individuals entering the onsite wastewater industry and those upgrading their level of competency. The Association continually works to improve training offerings and resource materials.

Public Education and Consultation.

- Your Association supports its membership by providing homeowners with the information they need to make sound decisions regarding their onsite wastewater systems through direct communication and our Septic Sense public education program. We will continue to work with various rural municipalities in the province on both creating and enhancing their homeowner education programs and will continue to do so.



Maintaining Open Lines of Communication

- Education days, monthly newsletters, a semi-annual industry magazine and direct communication keep our members informed about industry issues and changes in regulation or policy.
- Members are kept up-to-date through the use of social media such as Facebook and Instagram.

Website Benefits

- The Association website not only provides a directory for property owners looking for service providers, it also provides extensive resources to our members. A resource library provides access to current and historical standards and regulation, worksheets to support system designs, business documents, webinars and other learning materials, and information on Association activities.

On the business front members can benefit from:

- **Referral service** – Through the Locate-a-Pro portal on the Association website and through direct referral to homeowners, your Association promotes you, the member to homeowners looking for service in their region. The SOWMA only provides referrals on behalf of SOWMA members.
- **Referrals to Insurers** who provide customized industry programs.
- **NAPA Auto Parts** and MOWMA are pleased to announce a new partnership and preferred pricing agreement for our Members. Take advantage of discounts up to 35% off the list price on supplies and parts from NAPA through your MOWMA membership.
- **Office Supply Discount Program** – Save time and money through our partnership with **Staples Advantage/Corporate Express**, SOWMA's members through their affiliation with Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association (WCOWMA) 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.
- **Soils Sampling** – Soil testing is available for our members across Western Canada for discounted rates through both **Down To Earth Labs** and **ALS Environmental Laboratories**.
- **Marks Work Wearhouse Discount Program** - Save 10% on all purchases, including work clothes, by presenting the wallet card included in your membership package at the till with your purchases from any Mark's outlet.
- Subscription to **Onsite Installer Magazine**.
- Membership with **Perkopolis**, which provides access to exclusive rates on goods and services, such as computers, cell phones, hotels, car rental, travel, entertainment and much more.
- **Merchant 1 Payments** is proud to be the exclusive merchant services provider for MOWMA. Process VISA, MasterCard, and American Express payments through Merchant 1.

Over the course of 2024, the SOWMA will continue to build its business service discount program incentives for members, so stay tuned for even more benefits to come.

