



Alberta Onsite Wastewater
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Membership Information

The Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association (AOWMA) 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 Alberta.

AOWMA 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.

The AOWMA continues to grow with its membership of over 1000 onsite wastewater professionals.

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

- **Setting the national standard** for onsite training. The AOWMA training program is recognized both in Alberta and throughout Canada as the premier onsite wastewater certification program.
- **Influencing provincial and municipal regulations.** The AOWMA participates in a variety of stakeholder groups that provide input to policy makers when regulatory changes that impact the onsite wastewater are being considered.
- **Influencing land use planning** in Alberta. The AOWMA administration consults with Alberta Municipal Districts and Counties, providing information on onsite wastewater technologies and resources to help them build effective and sustainable wastewater treatment and disposal policies.
- Spearheading **onsite system research and development.** The AOWMA participates in ongoing research on onsite technologies.
- **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. In partnership with the Land Stewardship Center, the AOWMA has developed the Septic Sense Homeowner Education Program. The AOWMA provides the Septic Sense information to the general public in regional workshops, acting as a resource and providing referrals to our member professionals.
- Holding **industry information and networking sessions.** The AOWMA will continue regional meetings in order to maintain open lines of communication with our membership.
- **Monthly newsletters** are emailed out, keeping members abreast with advancements in the onsite industry.
- **Semi-annual industry magazine.**

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 AOWMA regularly receives calls from homeowners requesting referrals to contractors in their region. The AOWMA only refers callers to AOWMA 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 either Lloyd Sadd or the Sustainable Infrastructure Society. This insurance program provides those coverages not generally available through business insurance such as Errors and Omissions coverage and Pollution Liability.
- **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**, AOWMA 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.
- You can 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.
- **Free subscription** to Onsite Installer Magazine
- **Soils Sampling** –Take advantage of member discounts for soil sampling with **Down To Earth Labs** - phone 403.328.1133 for more information.
- A **Group Health Plan** with **Lane Quinn Benefit Consultants** to help you with prescriptions, eyeglasses, dental, critical illnesses, and other coverages you may require.
- 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 the year, the AOWMA will continue to build its business service discount program incentives for members, so stay tuned for even more benefits to come.

AOWMA 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.