



Alberta Onsite Wastewater
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Membership Benefits

The focus of your association continues to be activities that directly benefit you, the member. **Your association** nurtures and supports relationships of all stakeholders in the onsite wastewater industry, to simplify the way you do business.

What are the benefits of membership?

Training:

Industry Training. The AOWMA training program is recognized throughout Canada as one of the premier onsite wastewater education and certification programs. Your Association provides a variety of opportunities for both individuals entering the onsite wastewater industry and those upgrading their level of competency. We continually work to improve training offerings and resource materials for all members. **Members receive discounts on all training offered by their association.**

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. The AOWMA's Septic Sense Homeowner Education Program promotes proper operation and maintenance of onsite wastewater systems. The AOWMA provides Septic Sense information to the general public in regional workshops and webinars, acting as a resource and providing referrals to our member professionals.

Industry Relationships:

AOWMA members have an advocate with key stakeholder groups. The Board of Directors recognizes the critical need for strong relationships with other stakeholder groups, whose activities impact the onsite wastewater industry, thereby affecting you. Your association meets regularly with government stakeholders at Alberta Municipal Affairs the Safety Codes Council and other agencies. **Member's concerns are brought forward to regulatory authorities.**

AOWMA is a provincial chapter of the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association (WCOWMA). AOWMA 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, AOWMA members receive the same benefits negotiated by WCOWMA.

Regulation and Certification:

AOWMA members have a voice where it counts and the support necessary to be counted. Your association represents you, the membership to ensure your voice is heard when there are proposed changes to policies, regulations, and standards. Your association is available to assist you with regulatory and administrative issues. **Membership gives you a collective voice.**

Maintaining Open Lines of Communication

Conventions, 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.

Onsite Informer Magazine and Newsletters:

Your association keeps you informed! The WCOWMA publication of Onsite Informer Magazine provides you with regular information on industry news, events, products, and services. With over 3000 stakeholders on our contact lists, we are able to keep you informed and current, regarding activities and updates with onsite wastewater industry stakeholders across North America. You also receive a complimentary subscription to Onsite Informer magazine. The association produces monthly newsletters that are distributed by email and fax to members and other stakeholders. Special newsletters are also produced when the news can't wait till the next monthly newsletter. **Membership keeps you informed.**

Website:

Members are listed on the association website. Homeowners and others can search for them by scope of work and by region. Direct links from the membership Locate-a-Pro page to the member's website are included in your membership. Members should check the website regularly for updates. **Membership helps you market your services.**

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.
- **Customized business insurance programs** with insurers who understand the demands of this industry.
- **NAPA Auto Parts** and WCOWMA 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 WCOWMA membership.
- **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**, WCOWMA 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.
- **Soils Sampling** –Take advantage of member discounts for soil sampling with **Down To Earth Labs** - phone 403-328-1133 for more information.
- **Additional benefits** –
 - **Merchant 1 Payments** is proud to be the exclusive merchant services provider for AOWMA. Process VISA, MasterCard, and American Express payments through Merchant 1.
 - 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, computers, 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.