



2024 Membership Information

WCOOWMA Onsite Wastewater Management Association of BC (WCOOWMA-BC) is a provincial chapter of the Western Canada Onsite Wastewater Management Association (WCOOWMA). WCOOWMA-BC and WCOOWMA 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 WCOOWMA, WCOOWMA-BC members receive the same benefits negotiated by WCOOWMA.

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 ASTTBC, EGBC, and the Ministry of Health. We work with these groups to provide input when policy and regulatory requirements impact the onsite wastewater industry and when standards are being developed.
- The Board of Directors and the administration team works 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 BC and throughout Western Canada to answer your questions and address your concerns in a prompt and efficient manner. We are here to assist you with regulatory, technical, and administrative issues.

Training

- The WCOOWMA 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.

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 have worked with various regional districts in the province on both creating and enhancing their homeowner education programs and will continue to do so.



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.
- Members are kept updated through social media such as Facebook and Instagram.
- WCOWMA-BC 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.

Website Benefits

- The Association website not only provides a directory for property owners looking for service providers through the Locate-a-Pro portal, 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, information on Association activities, webinars, and other learning materials.

On the business front, members can benefit from:

- **Referral Service** – Through the Locate-a-Pro portal on the Association website and through direct referrals to homeowners, your Association promotes you, the member, to property owners looking for service in their region. The WCOWMA-BC only provides referrals on behalf of WCOWMA members.
- **Referrals to Insurers** who provide customized industry programs, such as through Lloyd Sadd Insurance Brokers and Valiant Insurance.
- **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** – Save time and money through our 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.
- **Merchant 1 Payments** is proud to be the exclusive merchant services provider for WCOWMA. Process VISA, MasterCard, and American Express payments through Merchant 1.
- **Soils Sample Analysis** – 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 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.

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

