



NEWSLETTER

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Septic Smart Week 2022



[Click to visit the SepticSmart Info web site.](#)

Get ready for the 10th anniversary of SepticSmart Week!

This year SepticSmart Week celebrates 10 years outreach and activities that encourage homeowners and communities to care for and maintain their septic systems.

Did you know...?

Being a NAWT member gives you access to discounts to nationwide retailers such as:

- BestBuy
- Sherwin-Williams
- ADP
- AirGas
- American Express
- TRUECar
- PODS – Moving & Storage
- LegalZoom
- Windstream – Internet and Phone

And more...!

Contact our executive office at info@nawt.org for more information.

About Septic Systems



- [Overview of septic systems](#)
- [Septic Finance Learning Module](#)
- [Case studies and demonstration projects](#)
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2022 Onsite Wastewater Mega-Conference – Save the Date!

October 30th - November. 2nd, 2022

University Plaza Hotel, Springfield, Missouri in cooperation with [Missouri Smallflows Organization \(MSO\)](#)

The Onsite Wastewater Mega-Conference is a national, collaborative effort between the [National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association \(NOWRA\)](#), the [National Association of Wastewater Technicians \(NAWT\)](#), the [State Onsite Regulators Association \(SORA\)](#), and the [Missouri Smallflows Organization \(MSO\)](#).

The Mega-Conference is the largest event of its kind and offers onsite/ decentralized professionals the highest quality education and training available. [Please see the 2021 exhibitor event information that was held October 17-20 in San Marcos, Texas as a reference.](#) The 2022 event prospectus will be distributed once it is finalized.

2022 Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship



Are you interested in applying for the 2022 Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship?

Eligibility:

1. Must be enrolled in an accredited university offering a bachelor degree in the following fields related to wastewater transport and treatment:
 - Natural & Environmental Sciences
 - Biological Sciences
 - Agricultural & Civil Engineering
 - Management/ Business
2. Must have completed at least one year of study and have attained a cumulative grade point average above the average for the university in which you are enrolled
3. Have an interest in a career related to the management of wastewater

Please contact our Executive Office with any questions via email: info@nawt.org or call 800.236.6298.

Deadline: January 15th, 2022

Want to make a donation?

Mail in your donation to the 2022 Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship:

National Association of Wastewater Technicians
Attn: Hapchuk Memorial Scholarship
2800 W. Higgins Rd. Suite 440
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Or email us at info@nawt.org.



Upcoming Training Courses

INSPECTOR TRAININGS

- NAWT Inspector by CPOW - February 8-9, 2022 - Location: Virtual Online Course
- NAWT Inspector by RETS - March 18-19, 2022 - Location: Arlington, TX
- NAWT Inspector by CPOW - May 3-4, 2022 - Location: Virtual Online Course

SOILS WORKSHOP TRAININGS

- U of A Soil & Site Evaluation - March 23-25, 2022 - Location: Maricopa, AZ
- NAWT Soils by CPOW - May 16-17, 2022 - Location: Alamosa, CO
- NAWT Soils by CPOW - August 30-31, 2022 - Location: Western Slope, CO
- NAWT Soils by CPOW - September 20-21, 2022 - Location: Alamosa, CO

INSTALLER TRAININGS

- NAWT Installer by CPOW - March 4, 2022 - Location: Virtual Online Course
- NAWT Installer by CPOW - October 14, 2022 - Location: Virtual Online Course

You may now request to bring NAWT training to your state or host a NAWT Training.

Below are some requirements for hosting a NAWT Training:

- Must be in a classroom setting or Zoom virtual format
- Participation should be between 10-15 attendees
- Provide NAWT Executive Office with 8 weeks minimum notice
- Schedule and provide NAWT with roster of attendees 10 days prior to course.

Please contact our Executive Office with any questions via email: info@nawt.org or [click here](#) to request a class online.

Classes can be scheduled for US or Canada.

What is NAWT up to?

NAWT is a member of the NOWRA Board of Governors Lobbying Efforts

The NOWRA BOG Passed an Act of Congress

After months of negotiations, President Biden signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (H.R. 3684) into law on November 15, 2021. While the bill would extend surface transportation programs for 5 years, additional funding would be authorized for energy, water, and broadband infrastructure. Of particular interest to NOWRA members is the inclusion of language that will create the first dedicated EPA grant program for decentralized systems—the Decentralized Wastewater Grant Program.

Section 50208 of HR 3684 authorizes \$50 million of funding for each of the Fiscal Years 2022 – 2026, for a total of \$250 million. Eligible households can receive grants up to \$15,000. The funds can be used by households “for the construction, repair, or replacement of an individual household decentralized wastewater treatment system.” Funds can also be used “for the installation of a larger decentralized wastewater system designed to provide treatment for 2 or more households.”

The NOWRA Board of Governors and our government relations team in Washington have been working with bipartisan congressional champions in the House and Senate to enact this program for several years, and we are all excited to see these efforts bear fruit. In June, NOWRA members from across the country also participated in a virtual advocacy day on Capitol Hill asking lawmakers to support the Decentralized Wastewater Grant Program. We thank all the NOWRA members that participated in this year’s advocacy day. Your collective voices helped make a difference and pushed Congress to pass this legislation.

The EPA will now begin the process of drafting new rules and regulations to implement this grant program. NOWRA will remain in communication with our partners at the Agency to ensure the program best serves homeowners who rely on decentralized wastewater systems; as well as those who serve and supply them.

Our Mission

“The mission of the National Association of Wastewater Technicians is to unify the voice of the wastewater management industry, while increasing its professionalism and public image through education of industry members and the public, and the development and national representation of individuals and state associations, allowing our industry to exchange ideas and concerns for the betterment of our members, the environment, and the general public.

To accomplish this mission, we have the following goals & purposes:

- Be the effective voice of the industry, an industry that provides essential services to maintaining a healthful environment.
- Overcome the problem that our industry has not been recognized and addressed by elected and appointed officials on all levels of government.
- Give national support for positions taken by state and local groups on legislative and regulatory issues consistent with federal standards.
- Be the information center for the industry and serve as a communication and education conduit for the gamut of people from public officials to the homeowner.
- Assist in developing, organizing, and building membership in state associations. Identify, organize, and utilize the purchasing power of the Association to the advantage of its members in the area of products and service we use.

If you would like to volunteer or be a part of a NAWT committee, please contact our Executive Office at info@nawt.org.