



OOWA Members Include :

- Manufacturers
- Suppliers
- Designers
- Installers
- Haulers
- Regulators
- Service Providers
- Soil Scientists
- Academic Faculty



What is OOWA ?

“OOWA is dedicated to advancing and promoting all aspects of Ohio’s onsite wastewater industry”

OOWA is the Ohio affiliate of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA).

OOWA members hold key positions in many other groups and organizations involved in onsite wastewater and water quality issues.

OOWA members help provide leadership at the local, state and national level.

OOWA represents the diverse interests of professionals who work in the onsite wastewater industry.

OOWA creates a forum for education and open discussion on issues related to onsite wastewater.

OOWA promotes qualified installers and provides them with a voice in the industry.

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FOUNDED IN 1998



Ohio Onsite Wastewater Association

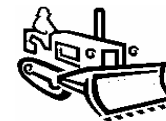
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OOWA Installer Qualification

(IQ) Program

“Excellence in Onsite”

The OOWA Installer Qualification Program is designed to increase the technical knowledge and skills, the professionalism, profitability and financial stability of our onsite installers. OOWA is committed to developing a strong program that identifies quality conscious and skilled onsite wastewater contractors. The OOWA Installer Qualification Program may aid NOWRA in developing its Qualified Practitioner Program.

Contractors who voluntarily participate in the program have the opportunity to discuss general topics as well as specific issues that directly affect their livelihood. Elements of the program include setting standards of practice and professional conduct, providing education and training, creating guidance documents and program marketing. Becoming an OOWA Qualified Installer shows potential customers that a contractor is knowledgeable, professional and committed to “excellence in onsite”.

Initial training is offered at the annual OOWA Convention each January with Continuing Education courses offered at various locations throughout the year.

OOWA—MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The performance of onsite wastewater treatment systems is a national issue of great concern. These systems service nearly 25% of the U.S. population. In Ohio alone, well over one million systems are currently in use. If these systems fail and begin to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage to the environment, bodies of water can quickly become polluted and health concerns can arise. To help minimize the impact these systems have on the environment, the USEPA, the Ohio EPA and the Ohio Department of Health are focusing on new management programs and permitting requirements for onsite system design, installation and management.

In the State of Ohio, recent household sewage legislation and revised sewage rules will affect everyone who utilizes a sewage system or works in the household sewage industry. With everything that is going on in the onsite wastewater industry, OOWA is poised to expand its role as a leader on a local, state and national level. Now more than ever, OOWA needs to act as the voice of the wastewater professional in Ohio. It's time that you get involved! Let OOWA know how you feel about the issues and we'll keep you well informed on changes in the onsite industry. Your input can make a difference.

OOWA Members Receive:

OOWA's quarterly newsletter,
OOWA INFO

Member rates at OOWA's annual convention

Membership in the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA)

NOWRA's news magazine, *Onsite Journal*

Member rates at NOWRA's annual conference

Industry representation with State legislature and other regulatory agencies

Availability of OOWA's Installer Qualification (IQ) Program

Eligibility for OOWA's Professional Development and Memorial Grant

Annual membership dues are only \$85.00. Membership applications are available on our website or by contacting the office.

Professional Development and Memorial Grant Fund

This fund was established to offer any OOWA member the opportunity to receive financial aid for attending a program that furthers their education in the onsite wastewater industry. Two grants, a maximum of \$500 each, are awarded annually - one to a member working in the private sector and the other to a member from the public sector.