

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of WisWARN is to support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid assistance for Water and Wastewater organizations for natural and manmade events.

**Sponsors:**

- CSWEA - Wisconsin Section
- MEG - Water Division
- MEG - Wastewater Division
- Wisconsin Rural Water Association
- Wisconsin Water Association
- Wisconsin Wastewater Operator's Association
- Wisconsin Alliance of Cities

**Supporting Agencies**

- Dept of Natural Resources
- Dept of Emergency Management



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**Mutual Aid Response Network Member Benefits:**

- Mutual aid agreements.
- Searchable web-based equipment inventories.
- Enhanced access to specialized resources.
- Expedited arrival of aid.
- Reduced administrative conflict.

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**Mutual Aid Response Network**



Wisconsin  
Water/Wastewater  
Agency  
Response  
Network

WisWARN is a Voluntary Mutual Aid Response Network for Wisconsin Water and Wastewater Organizations

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## What is the purpose of WisWARN?

The purpose of WisWARN is to provide a network where water and wastewater organizations can locate emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, supplies and materials and other needed resources. The objective is to provide rapid, short-term deployment of emergency services to recover from:

### **Natural Disasters** —

Tornados, high winds, floods, ice storms, lighting & thunder storms, regional electrical outages, pandemic, etc.

### **Manmade Disasters** —

Significant accidents, vandalism, hazardous materials release, riots, or terrorist attacks.

The establishment of a statewide mutual aid and assistance network is a core principle of National Preparedness.

## How Does a Community Join WisWARN?

### **Is my community required to join WisWARN?**

WisWARN is a voluntary program. You join to help your community.

### **What if my community can't respond during a disaster?**

Signing the mutual aid agreement does not obligate your organization to provide emergency assistance to any organization during any emergency. Each request for assistance is separate and independent from all others.

### **How do I join WisWARN?**

**Step 1:** Go to the WisWARN website: <http://www.WisWARN.org>.

**Step 2:** Click on the Join WisWARN button and complete the requested information.

**Step 3:** Print the WisWARN mutual aid agreement and membership resolution and take them to your governing board or council so they can authorize your organization's participation.

**Step 4:** Return the signed agreement and resolution to WisWARN.

**Step 4:** Log-in to the WisWARN website. Fill out the member's login information page, emergency contact and equipment database information.

## Benefits of a Statewide Mutual Aid Program

- Creates one uniform statewide mutual aid program for all municipal Water and Wastewater utilities.
- Facilitates coordinated regional emergency responses.
- Effectively utilizes resources (manpower and equipment)
- Provides access to statewide and regional experts from a variety of local organizations.
- Expedites responses because mutual aid agreements are signed in advance of a disaster.
- Facilitates federal reimbursements if disaster funds become available (mutual aid agreements are required to receive federal funds).
- Reassures your public by helping to maintain continuity of vital service during emergencies.

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