



Are You Struggling With the Changes to the New Saskatchewan Onsite Wastewater Disposal Guide?

Contractors needing help applying the new requirements under the SOWDG are encouraged to contact the association for support.

While the changes to the SOWDG may seem to be significant, in fact many of the “changes” in the 2019 SOWDG, were already in the 2009 SOWDG, they were just ‘shoulds’ instead of ‘shalls’.

Now that things like linear loading and detailed site evaluations are a requirement, it seems like a big change, but those were already incorporated in the old guideline as best practices and recommended for Type II mounds and difficult sites.

If you need worksheets or soils logs to help with the design process, or support in applying the Guideline, we are here to help. Just give us a call: 1.855.872.2650.

Saskatchewan Federal Environmental Health Officers to Complete Updated Training to the New Guideline

SOWMA will be providing update training to the new Guideline to the Environmental Health Officers who are responsible for overseeing onsite wastewater design and installation on First Nations land.

Two one-week programs will be offered, one in Saskatoon and one in Regina. The course will include an overview of the key changes to the Guideline, application of the guideline to the design process, site and soils assessment and a final examination.

3 Tips to Avoid Heat Exhaustion

The great weather is here, but with warmer sunnier days comes the risk of heat exhaustion, especially if you are busy in the field.

Take care of yourself by keeping in mind these tips from Health Canada.

1. Drink plenty of cool liquids, especially water, before you feel thirsty to decrease your risk of dehydration. Thirst is not a good indicator of dehydration.
2. Reschedule or plan outdoor activities during cooler parts of the day if possible.
3. Avoid sun exposure. Shade yourself by wearing a wide-brimmed, breathable hat.

A full list of their tips can be found in “**Communicating the Health Risks of Extreme Heat Events**” which can be found on the Government of Canada website: <https://bit.ly/2ExBAkJ>

Upcoming Events

You can keep up-to-date on industry events on our events page!

Have an industry event you’d like to see posted? Feel free to contact us!

Insurance Awareness Day (June 28)

Insurance is one of those things we forget about until we need it, kind of like a spare tire. This is why National Insurance Awareness Day exists and is celebrated every year on June 28. While the origin of this day is a mystery, what's widely known is how important insurance is in many aspects of our lives. From car insurance, to life insurance, to home insurance and more, these policies offer a layer of protection to guard us from feeling the harshest of blows by unfortunate events.

Contractors in the onsite wastewater industry require special insurances to protect them when and if, things don't go the way they should. If you are providing plans or designs to a client, you require Errors and Omissions Insurance to protect you in case something in the design or report you provide your client turns out to be incorrect or flawed in some way. General business insurance does not cover this eventuality.

If you are installing systems, you should have Pollution Liability, in the event that the system you install negatively impacts a water course or water source. Again, general business or construction insurance does not cover this type of liability.

Make sure you have a detailed discussion with your insurance provider to be confident that you hold the appropriate insurances for your scope of work.

WCOWMA and its provincial partner associations have partnered with several organizations to offer discounted insurance to you and your company.

Sustainable Infrastructure Society

The Sustainable Infrastructure Society provides access to specialized insurances through their program with AON Reed Stenhouse. Those working in the onsite wastewater industry may access pollution liability, errors and omissions, general comprehensive and other insurances specific to their scope of work. Coverage is available across Canada. Access information here: <https://www.aon.com/canada/default.jsp>

Lloyd Sudd Insurance Brokers

Lloyd Sudd provides specialized insurances to members of the association. Members may access pollution liability, errors and omissions and other insurances specific to the onsite wastewater industry. For more information <https://www.lloydsadd.com/>

LaneQuinn

Lane Quinn Benefit Consultants Ltd. will offer a no obligation (and no charge) review of your current benefit plan or discuss the options available to you for setting up a plan for the first time. Contact LaneQuinn at 1-866-261-6084.

For more information: <http://lanequinn.com/>

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