

Reasons to Join the Kansas Small Flows Association

In Kansas, there are no state requirements for onsite industry contractors or inspectors to be registered or obtain continuing education, so it is necessary for each business owner to take the initiative to continue their own education. Your State Association currently offers 14 training courses, which encompass over **100** education contact hours. The Kansas Small flows Association (KSFA) also sponsors an Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show. As a member of KSFA, you have a voice in recommending educational opportunities that are important to you.

With the demands of the industry becoming more prominent, it takes a strong, vital, professional Association to protect and enhance the onsite industry in Kansas. If you are already a member, you need to be active in your Association. You need to be a part of the Association's efforts to better the industry.

There are additional benefits to KSFA members since our association is a state affiliate of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association (NOWRA). NOWRA has worked hard for a number of years to promote success to the members and the association. Current benefits include:

Septic Locator

NOWRA's Septic Locator is the only national, searchable directory of providers of onsite wastewater management services. All members of every state affiliate (except those in the Supporting Affiliate category) are automatically included on the Septic Locator. That's a \$50 value for each member. Each member controls their own listing. They can change contact information, services offered and other information in real time.

Installer Academy

NOWRA has established the Installer Academy as the national educational entity for the decentralized wastewater industry to ensure that quality training programs are available for all industry practitioners. By participating in NOWRA's Education Programs, members gain a learned foundation that continuously builds personal and professional opportunities. NOWRA offers its training programs to every state affiliate at cost -- affiliates only pay for the cost of instructors, their travel, lodging and food, and NOWRA's administrative overhead.

Online -- Coming soon, NOWRA will roll out Installer Academy Online -- A series of online courses which can deliver reasonably priced, high quality information to your home or office computer. Many of NOWRA's state affiliates are also likely to offer these programs

Homeowner Folders

Provide a sturdy 9x12 folder containing detailed information about onsite systems and how to care for them. Of course there is a space provided for you to stamp your company name and contact information.

Model Code

Wouldn't it be nice to have a code that applied throughout the United States? NOWRA worked on this project for over 5 years. Click here to see a .pdf version of the Code.

Discounts for Affiliate Members

In addition to each affiliate member receiving a free listing on the Septic Locator, they also receive discounts on attending the NOWRA Annual Conference, publications from the Resource Library on the NOWRA website, equipment financing discounts, office supply discounts and more. As more services are added, NOWRA will look for opportunities to ensure that its members receive benefits not available to those who are not direct members of NOWRA or its affiliates.

Representation in Washington

Industry regulation comes from a variety of sources -- federal, state and local. NOWRA is able to represent its affiliates' collective interests at the national level. While day-to-day regulation generally takes place at the state and local level, many state and local rules have their roots at the federal level, either through government mandate, or through guidance. Representation takes a variety of forms: Working with EPA and other federal agencies through formal working groups as well as direct contact with agency officials, advocating on behalf of the industry's interests before Congress, and collaborating with other related industry organizations across a range of issues.

As you can see there are many advantages in belonging to the Kansas Small Flows Association which automatically enrolls you as a member of the National Onsite Wastewater Recycling Association. Much like collective bargaining, belonging to a national association can give you a voice in your industry. The stronger that both our state association (KSFA) and our national association (NOWRA) become the louder will be our voice. Be a member. Make a difference.