County, State, and Regional Support

- Barnstable County Water Utilities Association
- Mass Rural Water Association
- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
- Massachusetts Water Works Association
- New England Water Works Association
- Plymouth County Water Works Association
- Western Mass Water Works Association

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 www.mawarn.org

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National Support

- American Water Works Association
  http://www.awwa.org/

- Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
  http://www.amwa.net/

- Association of State and Interstate Water Pollution Control Administrators
  http://www.asiwpca.org/

- Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
  http://www.asdwa.org/

- EPA New England
  http://www.epa.gov/Region1/

- Federal Emergency Management Agency
  http://www.fema.gov/

- National Association of Clean Water Agencies
  http://www.nacwa.org/

- National Association of Water Companies
  http://www.nawc.org/

- National Rural Water Association
  http://www.nrwa.org/

- Water Environment Federation
  http://www.wef.org/Home

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What is Mutual Aid and Assistance?

Mutual aid and assistance is an agreement between towns, cities, or utilities to provide voluntary help to one another in the event of an emergency.

What is MAWARN?

MAWARN is a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) that allows water and wastewater systems in Massachusetts to receive rapid mutual aid and assistance from other systems in MA to restore services damaged by natural or man-made incidents. Utilities sign the MAWARN standard agreement, which then allows them to share resources with any other member utility in MA.

Who can Participate?

MAWARN is available to all publicly owned water and wastewater systems in MA. Participation is voluntary, and is not mandated by any local, state, or federal regulation.

What role does the Agreement play?

During an emergency, the process and procedures to give and receive mutual aid and assistance are governed by the articles in the MAWARN agreement. The agreement covers issues such as requesting assistance, giving assistance, potential reimbursement, worker’s compensation, and dispute resolution.

Advantages of joining MAWARN

• No cost and no commitment
  There is no fee to join MAWARN, and assistance is provided on a voluntary basis only--there is no requirement to respond or to provide resources.

• Eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster reimbursement
  In case of a federally declared emergency, FEMA reimbursement for received services is contingent upon a pre-existing, signed mutual aid and assistance agreement. Visit http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/pa/eqrates.shtm for a full schedule of equipment rates.

• Developed, managed, and run by water and wastewater systems
  MAWARN is developed and managed by MA water and wastewater systems, so it is established to benefit you to the highest degree possible in terms of giving and receiving aid.

• Timely access to resources
  Some emergency aid is contingent upon a disaster declaration from a local or state official. MAWARN does not require a state disaster declaration, which means systems can request needed resources faster.

• Access to database of utilities and resources
  MAWARN members will have access to a database of other member utilities within the state, including a contact person’s name and information, as well as the resources that the utility may be able to provide.

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