

MAWARN Steering Committee Members

Boston Water and Sewer Commission
Mass Rural Water Association
Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Massachusetts Water Works Association
New England Water Works Association
Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
Worcester DPW

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State Support

Barnstable County Water Utilities Association
Massachusetts
Department of Environmental Protection
Massachusetts Water Pollution Control Association
New England Water Environment Association

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.asiwpc.org/>

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

EPA New England
<http://www.epa.gov/Region1/>

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>

www.mawarn.org

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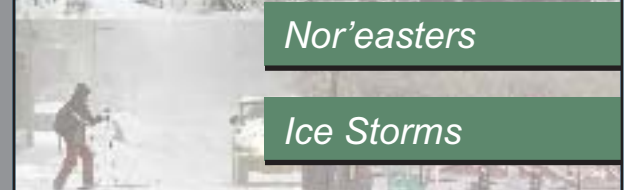
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Agency Response Network (WARN)



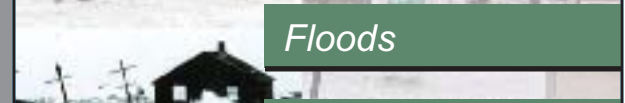
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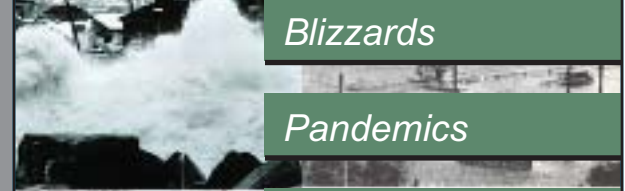
Nor'easters



Ice Storms



Floods



Blizzards



Pandemics

Hurricanes



Intentional Damage



Storm 2006

Wind Damage

Ice Storm

Blizzard 1978

Hurricane Bob

Water Main Break

What is Mutual Aid and Assistance?

Mutual aid and assistance is an agreement between towns, cities, or agencies to provide 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 system in MA that has also signed the standard agreement.

Who can Participate?

MAWARN is available to all public water and wastewater systems in MA. Participation is voluntary, and is not mandated by any local, state, or federal regulation. In MA, there is no fee to participate in the program.

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, reimbursement, worker's compensation, and dispute resolution.

Why would I want to join 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.

- **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 get needed resources faster.

- **Access to database of utilities and resources**

MAWARN members will have access to a database of other systems within the state, including a contact person's name and information, as well as the resources that the utility can provide.

- **Membership paves the way for interstate mutual aid and assistance**

All New England states are implementing WARNs. Future planning includes eventually developing interstate WARNs that will be linked so that member systems may help one another across state lines.