About IdWARN

IdWARN Mission

To promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual assistance for public and private drinking water/wastewater utilities.



IdWARN is a voluntary, no-cost emergency response and mutual aid network, consistent with other statewide mutual aid programs and with the National Incident Management System.

Facilitated by the Idaho Rural Water Association, IdWARN provides utility specialists the resources and professional connections to improve their resiliency and preserve the trust of their communities despite unexpected natural or man-made circumstances.

With a membership of over 100 drinking water and wastewater systems, IdWARN is designed to provide effective and efficient assistance in any situation that disrupts the functionality of a utility.

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Utilities Helping Utilities



"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."
-Benjamin Franklin

Emergencies strike without warning and require immediate action. Whether it is a natural disaster, an infrastructure failure, a cyberattack, or another unexpected threat to your system, one of the utmost priorities is restoring drinking water and wastewater services. **IdWARN is a mutual aid network connecting Idaho drinking water and wastewater utilities with resources to respond efficiently and effectively in any unpredictable situation.**

How IdWARN Works

- Member agencies sign a Mutual Aid Agreement which outlines the procedures for requesting and providing aid. **IdWARN membership is entirely free and voluntary.**
- Members obtain access to contact information for other IdWARN members, an inventory of emergency equipment for drinking water and wastewater utilities, and training opportunities for emergency preparedness.
- Members are invited to quarterly meetings to stay up-to-date on IdWARN and build connections with nearby member utilities.
- Any emergency response is entirely voluntary by member agencies.

IdWARN Member Benefits



The benefits of a no-cost membership with IdWARN include...

- Access to emergency equipment maintained by Idaho Rural Water Association at no cost, including potable water trailers with 1,000 gallon capacity, portable generators of various outputs, sewer cameras, ground penetrating radar, line location and leak detection equipment, valve exercisers, bypass pumps, and more
- Exclusive access to drinking water and wastewater utility-specific emergency preparedness training courses to improve the resiliency of each member utility
- Immediate access to emergency contacts for utility-specific equipment, personnel, materials, or other resources
- Expedited arrival of aid based on local coordination ahead of state or federal response
- Eligibility for FEMA disaster reimbursement for federally-declared disasters
- Reduced administrative conflict, saving valuable time and resources to access aid
- Self-sufficiency to maintain operations and support other critical infrastructure during an emergency

IdWARN Agency Partners

IRWA Idaho Rural Water Association

NRWA

NAWC National Association of Water Companies Since 1895

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies

American Water Works Association

Idaho Office of Emergency Management — Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response, Recovery — Idaho's Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency

Water Environment Federation — the water quality people®

asdwa Association of State Drinking Water Administrators