



MASSACHUSETTS WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION UTILITY ADVANTAGE PROGRAM BENEFITS



Since 1950 Massachusetts Water Works Association has served the drinking water profession. The Association was formed by a group of water superintendents who identified a need to exchange information and discuss current water works practices. MWWA has provided a forum for water suppliers to learn about proper water works operations, regulatory requirements and new technology. Benefits of utility advantage program membership include:

- Member rates for all employees of the utility attending MWWA's training classes
- Low cost seminars with training contact hours (TCH's) for license renewal
- Regular meetings on current topics with opportunities to earn TCH's
- Information on new technologies for the ever changing water works field
- Regulatory and legislative advocacy on issues important to water suppliers
- H2O Pump Newsletter
- Regular email updates containing the latest information on important issues
- Networking and interaction with your peers
- Recognition of individual and utility accomplishments
- Opportunities to help shape the future of the water works industry in Massachusetts

While continuing to provide venues for water suppliers to keep pace with the ever changing water industry, MWWA, in recent years has increased its efforts on the legislative front. MWWA's Executive Director is registered as a lobbyist with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts so that MWWA can advocate for water suppliers across the state. The Association has increased its efforts in commenting on regulatory and policy changes and has been communicating its concerns with legislators. We subscribe to a legislative tracking service that monitors legislation that could impact water suppliers. We draft legislation to address issues related to public water supply including the ability to establish "water banks" and increase funding for water systems. **We have achieved legislative success the last four legislative sessions with the passage of Chapter 374 of the Acts of 2010 which changed the statute governing fines for water meter tampering; Chapter 446 of the Acts of 2012 which increased the fines for those trespassing on posted public water supply lands; Chapter 259 of the Acts of 2014 which dealt with water infrastructure financing; and Chapter 363 of the Acts of 2016 which provided an exemption to water system employees from needing a sprinkler fitter license to work on hydrants.** To increase our visibility, the Association has sponsored events such as our Coffee with the Legislators which has been held in several areas across the state and a "Day on the Hill" event at the State House inviting water suppliers and legislators to a public water supply briefing. We produce a newsletter geared toward legislators, keeping those on Beacon Hill regularly informed on issues of importance to the membership.

The Association has been extremely active in challenging policy changes to the Commonwealth's Water Management Act and in negotiating to protect public water supply interests against watershed group demands. We were active in the Commonwealth's Sustainable Water Management Initiative, bringing a balanced perspective to this process and advocating that water supply interests be equally considered when discussing ecological protection. We continue to work with MassDEP on more reasonable implementation of the new Water Management Act regulations and permits which resulted from this effort.

We cannot do it alone; together we can achieve our goals. If you are interested in supporting all of these efforts we encourage you to look into our **Utility Advantage Program**. In addition to the benefits above, you can still expect the same services that we have been providing all along.

With your support for the Utility Advantage Program and with more than 1,100 members statewide, the Massachusetts Water Works Association can become a stronger voice in the legislative and regulatory process and play an integral role in water resource planning in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. **For information on how to join, please see reverse side or contact Jennifer Pederson at 978-263-1388 or send an email to jpедerson@masswaterworks.org.**



**MASSACHUSETTS WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION
UTILITY ADVANTAGE PROGRAM
APPLICATION**



We hope you will consider joining the growing number of utilities participating in Mass Water Works Association's Utility Advantage Program. Utility membership has many benefits, including training at the reduced member rate for **all** your employees. This can result in a significant savings for utility members enrolled in the program. For additional benefits, please see the back side of this application.

PWS Name: _____
 Contact Person: _____
 Title: _____
 PWS Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Fax: _____
 Email: _____

Level of Participation: Chose the level of membership that best fits your utility.

- \$2,000 - This level includes: Four Memberships; Four Half Day Training Vouchers; Reduced training costs for all employees in your utility
- \$1,000 - This level includes: Two Memberships; Two Half Day Training Vouchers; Reduced training costs for all employees in your utility
- \$500 - This level includes: One Individual Membership; One Half Day Training Voucher; Reduced training costs for all employees in your utility

Designate who will receive the Individual Membership(s) as part of your participation:

1. _____ New Member: Yes No MWWA# _____
 Email: _____
2. _____ New Member: Yes No MWWA# _____
 Email: _____
3. _____ New Member: Yes No MWWA# _____
 Email: _____
4. _____ New Member: Yes No MWWA# _____
 Email: _____

Memberships will be approved by our Board of Director's only if membership is awarded to a "New" member. If membership is awarded to a renewing member, their membership will continue into the new membership year.

Training vouchers will be sent to the contact person listed above after payment has been received.

Signature (of person approving this application): _____

Please send the completed application, along with a check made out to Massachusetts Water Works Association for the amount above to: Massachusetts Water Works Association, PO BOX 1064, Acton, MA 01720