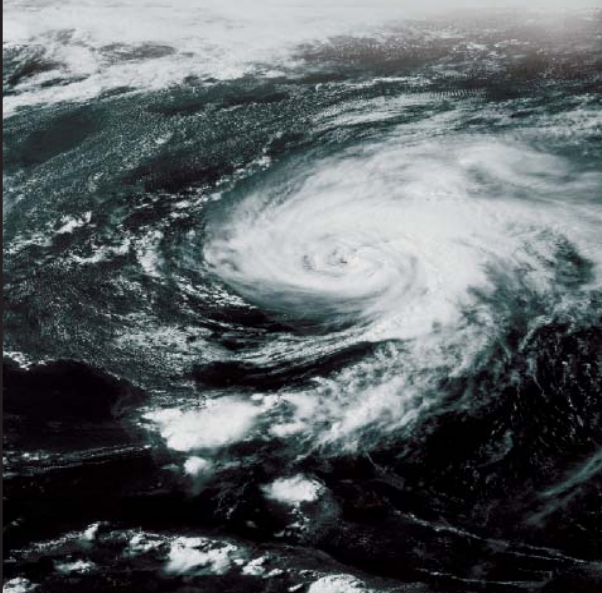


MEWARN Steering Committee

The purpose of the Steering Committee is to provide organization, policy setting, communication and guidance in the structure, operation and promotion of the MEWARN. In addition, the Steering Committee develops, approves, sponsors and endorses specific emergency preparedness training for all MEWARN members.

The Committee is comprised of Voting Members and Associate (non-voting) Members. Voting members represent utility organizations and consist of utility staff, district trustees or elected officials. Associate Members are state government agencies and technical assistance providers. Associate Members assist the MEWARN with advice, resources and coordination with regulatory agencies.

For more information, please contact a Steering Committee member. Visit www.mewarn.org for the current list of MEWARN Steering Committee Members.



State Support

Maine Rural Water Association
www.mainerwa.org

RCAP Solutions
www.rcapsolutions.org

Maine Water Utilities Association
www.mwua.org

Maine WasteWater Control Association
www.mwwca.org

Maine Drinking Water Program
www.medwp.com

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
www.maine.gov/dep

Maine Emergency Management Agency
www.maine.gov/mema

National Support

American Water Works Association
www.awwa.org/

Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies
www.amwa.net/

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

Association of State Drinking Water Administrators
www.asdwa.org/

EPA New England
www.epa.gov/Region1/

National Association of Clean Water Agencies
www.nacwa.org/

National Association of Water Companies
www.nawc.org/

National Rural Water Association
www.nrwa.org/

Water Environment Federation
www.wef.org/Home

RCAP Solutions, Inc.
www.rcap.org

Utilities Helping Utilities

Maine Water/Wastewater
Agency Response Network (WARN)

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Hurricane Gloria



Wash Out



Access Road Flooded



Flood Damage



Water Main Break



River Bed Damage

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 MEWARN?

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

Who can Participate?

MEWARN is available to all public and private water and wastewater systems in Maine. Participation is voluntary, and is not mandated by any local, state, or federal regulation. In Maine, 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 MEWARN agreement. The agreement covers issues such as requesting assistance, giving assistance, reimbursement, worker's compensation, insurance, liability, and dispute resolution.

Why would I want to join MEWARN?

• No cost and no commitment

There is no fee to join MEWARN, 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

MEWARN is developed and managed by Maine 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. MEWARN does not require a disaster declaration, which means systems can get needed resources faster.

• Access to database of utilities and resources

MEWARN members 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.

• Both private and public utilities may participate

In MEWARN, both public and private water and wastewater systems may give and receive aid and assistance.

• Membership paves the way for interstate mutual aid and assistance

All New England states are implementing WARNs. Eventually, the WARNs will be linked so that member systems may help one another across state lines.