MEMBER BENEFITS

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SWANA Membership

For 50 years, the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) has been the leading professional association in the solid waste field, serving more than 8,000 solid waste professionals throughout North America with industry leading conferences, certifications, publications and technical training courses.

SWANA’s mission is to advance the practice of environmentally and economically sound management of public and private sector solid waste. In doing so, we provide education and networking opportunities to solid waste professionals in every facet of the industry, benefiting individual members while also furthering the work of the profession.

As a member of the Association for solid waste professionals, you have access to the tools you need to be more successful at work every day, as well as leadership opportunities and connections to set you apart and further your career.

We truly value your membership and want to be sure you are taking advantage of the many benefits and resources available to you. While this guide provides a brief overview of the key benefits your professional Association offers, be sure to visit www.swana.org for the very latest in SWANA’s:

- Networking and Events
- Training and Certification
- Chapter Membership
- Industry Information and Publications
- Advocacy

SWANA is a supporting organization of the American Academy of Environmental Engineers (AAEE) and a National Member of the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) for the United States and Canada.

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SWANA Networking

SWANA membership provides you the opportunity to interact with other solid waste professionals and develop a professional network that will be an invaluable asset to your career for years to come.

**SWANA Chapters**

As a member of one of SWANA’s 45 Chapters, you’ll be connected at the local level with the right solid waste professionals to help your career. Led by dedicated volunteers, each chapter works hard to keep their members informed about the latest issues and trends in the industry, while educating and advising local elected officials on industry issues. Many chapters host local tours, events, in-person and online training opportunities, Road-E-O Competitions, golf outings and other more informal networking events.

[www.swana.org/chapters](http://www.swana.org/chapters)

**Members-only Directory**

Easily find solid waste professionals through our members-only Online Directory. You can search for professionals by industry-specific criteria or technical division, name, location, or “likeness” to you, giving you the perfect opportunity to connect with members that share your interests.

[www.myswana.org](http://www.myswana.org)

**Young Professionals**

YPs are a group of individuals who represent the future of the solid waste industry. They are passionate about the environment, the industry, and helping each other succeed. They are eager to offer advice, brainstorm ideas, develop solutions, and share in the struggles and triumphs of working in this business. They are energetic, motivated, and committed. They are the next generation of SWANA.

[www.swana.org/membership](http://www.swana.org/membership)

**Technical Divisions**

SWANA’s Technical Divisions open doors to the best networking opportunities in the solid waste industry. Subscribers are connected to other professionals in their field who share the same interests and are trying to solve the same problems. With online Community Forums, members can keep track of hot topics in their specific areas of solid waste management, access experts, and share best practices.

[www.swana.org/techdivisions](http://www.swana.org/techdivisions)

**SWANA Events**

SWANA hosts a variety of technical conferences each year, including WASTECON®, SWANA’s premier event that brings together thousands of solid waste professionals for the very best education, networking and exhibits.

[www.swana.org/events](http://www.swana.org/events)
SWANA Technical Divisions

SWANA’s Technical Divisions provide opportunities for members to meet and interact with professionals specializing in all aspects of solid waste management, including:

• Collection and Transfer
• Communication, Education and Marketing
• Landfill Gas Management
• Landfill Management
• Planning and Management
• Recycling and Special Waste
• Waste-to-Energy

Access to Specialized Information

Gain access to Tech News, the go-to quarterly newsletter for each of SWANA’s seven Technical Divisions. It’s where members go for the latest industry-specific training, education, event and networking information, as well as announcements and peer accolades, division activities, news, tips and best practices. Division members also receive access to specialized membership directories.

Idea Sharing

Network with 3,000 other Division members at Technical Division Meetings held at SWANA events and through online communication tools. Each Division has an exclusive-access online Community Forum where Division members go to solicit feedback and share ideas and advice; it’s your own practice area-specific virtual town square!

Help Shape the Future of SWANA

Assist in the development of technical programs for conferences and events or guide technical policy development and advocacy initiatives. Each Division provides volunteer opportunities through its committees on a fixed term or project basis.
Latest Industry Information & Best Practices

**News and Publications**
Members receive free subscriptions to MSW Management Magazine, as well as I AM SWANA News—SWANA’s monthly e-newsletter. Technical Division members also receive quarterly Technical Division e-newsletters with discipline-specific news and information.

**SWANA’s eLibrary**
Thousands of documents, presentations, videos and industry publications are available at your fingertips, 24/7, in our members-only eLibrary.

www.myswana.org

**Advocacy**
SWANA Advocacy provides members with updates on the latest in the legislation that affects you. As a member, you can also become involved with industry advocacy initiatives, providing you a voice on the issues that matter most.

www.swana.org/advocacy

**Applied Research Foundation (ARF)**
With the mission of ‘advancing the practice’ by conducting collectively-funded research on pressing solid waste issues that are identified and selected by the Foundation’s subscribers, SWANA is able to provide members the very latest industry-wide reports and information—at up to a 50% discount, and often absolutely free, as a benefit to you.

www.swana.org/arf
SWANA Training

For 50 years, SWANA has been committed to providing quality training for solid waste professionals. Today, SWANA offers more training options than ever, including SWANA Training Centers, Training@Home and Training@Work, as well as a variety of eLearning options.

**SWANA Training Centers and Chapter Training**

Held at SWANA events or hosted by SWANA Chapters, training centers offer traditional classroom learning delivered by SWANA Certified faculty members.

**SWANA Training@Work**

In-House and On-Site training provide you with the unique opportunity to bring SWANA training to your workplace.

**SWANA Training@Home**

Continue your education individually at your own pace from the comfort and convenience of your home or office. Home study packages include a manual to review at your own pace and a final exam, which is required to receive credit for the course.

**SWANA eLearning**

SWANA offers a variety of education options that you can take advantage of without ever leaving your desk.

- **eSessions** – Led by industry leaders and SWANA faculty, these online seminars cover a wide variety of solid waste topics.

- **Certification Prep Courses** – SWANA certification courses are offered live and as recordings. The courses are made up of a series of individual sessions, giving you the option of purchasing the entire series or the individual sessions most relevant to you.

- **Online Courses** – SWANA also offers self-paced online training courses that can be completed whenever it’s most convenient for you. Courses cover an assortment of topics and range from 25-60 hours.
SWANA Certification

Gain advanced knowledge in specific subject areas, as well as familiarity with best management practices and regulatory requirements while developing professional competence for career advancement with SWANA Certification.

Accepted by numerous states and provinces as the standard for solid waste employees, SWANA Certification offers invaluable benefits to certified individuals and their employers. Become SWANA Certified and provide more cost-effective operations, fewer violations, better environmental compliance, and better protection of human health and the environment.

SWANA offers designations based upon experience, responsibility and education, including Certified Manager, Certified Technical Associate and Certified Inspector (MOLO and C&D only).

Become SWANA Certified in Any of Nine Disciplines...

- Landfill Management (MOLO)
- Bioreactor & Leachate Recirculation Landfills (Requires Landfill Management Certification)
- MSW Collection Systems
- Composting Programs
- Construction & Demolition Materials
- HHW & CESQG Collection Facility Operations
- Integrated MSW Management Systems
- Recycling Systems
- Transfer Station Systems

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SWANA Conferences & Symposia

WASTECON®
SWANA’s premier annual event will be held at Long Beach Convention Center in California. WASTECON® offers a platform for you to get the latest news, tools and resources to help you be successful in your business. Explore training courses, technical sessions and exhibits to expand your knowledge and network with key industry contacts. www.wastecon.org

The Road to Zero Waste Conference
SWANA’s Recycling & Special Waste Division explores “The Road to Zero Waste.” Featuring a variety of zero waste experts and case studies, this two-day event provides the latest information on zero waste to landfill initiatives and practical advice on how your community can utilize these concepts in your municipal solid waste management plan. zerowaste.swana.org

Landfill Symposium
SWANA’s Landfill Symposium attracts a mix of public and private landfill owner/operators, design engineers, and State/Federal regulators. The multi-track, broad-based technical program and trade show covers a wide variety of topics and includes sessions highlighting landfill case studies and research projects. landfill.swana.org
Landfill Gas Symposium
The world’s premier forum on landfill gas utilization and technology, this annual conference takes an in-depth look at beneficial use, methane offset projects, available tax and carbon credits, greenhouse gas issues, and legislative and regulatory developments. The Symposium provides participants with the information and resources they need to expand and improve the sustainability and economic performance of their landfill gas project. lfg.swana.org

North American Waste-to-Energy Conference (NAWTEC)
SWANA, in partnership with the Integrated Waste Services Association (IWSA), the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), and in cooperation with Columbia University’s Waste-to-Energy Research and Technology Council (WTERT), brings you NAWTEC – the North American Waste-to-Energy Conference – the leading conference and trade show featuring the latest developments, technologies and challenges in the waste-to-energy industry.

This 3-day conference and trade show focuses on the latest topics important to improving your waste-to-energy facility’s operation, including ash management & recycling, waste conversion technologies, plant retrofits, and RD&D projects. NAWTEC provides a unique targeted forum to learn and network with other waste-to-energy professionals and to talk with vendors who have the equipment and services you need to improve your waste combustion program. www.nawtec.org
Additional Member Benefits and Services

Professional Services Directory (PSD)
Promote your company and connect with other vendors and service providers using SWANA’s Professional Services Directory. SWANA members receive a free basic listing, making the PSD an inexpensive way to promote your company’s products and services. In addition, improved search capabilities and the opportunity for companies to expand their listing make the PSD a simple way to gain access to the products and services you need to do your job.

www.swana.org/psd

SWANA Career Center
Whether you’re looking for a new employee, or ready to take the next step in your career, we’ll help you find the opportunity that’s right for you. SWANA Career Center is the premier electronic recruitment resource for the industry. Employers and recruiters post jobs for the most qualified talent pool with relevant work experience to fulfill staffing needs. Job seekers can post resumes and search jobs free of charge.

careers.swana.org

Professional Development/Leadership Opportunities
SWANA offers endless leadership opportunities to show your dedication to the solid waste industry and develop your leadership skills. Become a Technical Division Committee Chair, Chapter Officer, International Board Member. New volunteer opportunities are always coming up for those ready to lead SWANA into the future.
Additional Member Benefits and Services

**Member Discounts**

Members receive special rates on SWANA training, technical symposia, eLearning, and chapter events, as well as on SWANA’s Professional Services Directory and Career Center postings.

www.swana.org/membership

**Members-only Website & MySWANA Profile**

MySWANA, SWANA’s members-only website, allows you to access members-only resources and information, as well as a network of industry professionals, 24/7. You can customize your profile and subscriptions to ensure you receive the information you need, and can also share your knowledge and experience on the MySWANA blogs.

www.myswana.org

**ISWA Trial Membership**

SWANA members in good standing are now eligible for a FREE one-year trial membership in the International Solid Waste Association (ISWA)!

The International Solid Waste Association (ISWA) is an international, independent and non-profit making association, working in the public interest to promote and develop sustainable waste management worldwide. ISWA has members around the world and is the only worldwide association promoting sustainable and professional waste management.

www.myswana.org

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**TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE NEXT LEVEL – JOIN A TECHNICAL DIVISION!**

SWANA members may join one or more Technical Divisions

- Collection & Transfer
- Communication, Education & Marketing
- Landfill Gas Management
- Landfill Management
- Planning & Management
- Recycling & Special Waste
- Waste-to-Energy

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