

2026 MRWA AWARDS PROGRAM

MRWA recognizes outstanding members at the Management & Technical conference. Nominations must be received in the MRWA office by February 6, 2026 to be eligible. Awards will be presented in March at the Annual Conference Banquet. Email nominations to Melisa at membersvcs@mrwa.net

Email the name of the person being nominated along with no more than one page on why they should be considered for the award.

Operations Specialist of the Year (Water & Wastewater)

- ◆ From a member community
- ◆ Number of years of service
- ◆ Certification status
- ◆ Outstanding achievements
- ◆ Involvement in community service
- ◆ Statement why nominee should receive award
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership in dealing with community concerns, primacy agencies, fellow workers and general public.

Emerging Professional (Water & Wastewater)

- ◆ From a member community
- ◆ No more than 3 years of service
- ◆ On the job more than 12 months
- ◆ Certification status
- ◆ Nominees need not be licensed at time of nomination but must be qualified to take the exam.
- ◆ Outstanding achievements
- ◆ Involvement in community service
- ◆ Statement why nominee should receive award
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership in dealing with community concerns, primacy agencies, fellow workers.

Utility of the Year (Water & Wastewater)

- ◆ Voting Member in good standing
- ◆ NPDES or PWSID permit number
- ◆ Outstanding achievements
- ◆ Statement why utility should receive award
- ◆ Demonstrated compliance during last 12 months
- ◆ Water utilities whose required samples and reports have met MDNRE and US EPA standards for the past 12 months are eligible.
- ◆ Wastewater utilities whose treatment, discharges and reports have met MDNRE and US EPA standards for the past 12 months are eligible.

Associate Community of the Year (Population over 15,000)

- ◆ Member in good standing
- ◆ NPDES or PWSID permit number
- ◆ Outstanding achievements
- ◆ Statement why utility should receive award
- ◆ Demonstrated compliance during last 12 months
- ◆ Water and wastewater utilities whose required samples and reports have met MDNRE and US EPA standards for the past 12 months are eligible.

MRWA Person of the Year

- ◆ From a member community
- ◆ Significant achievements & accomplishments
- ◆ Involvement in or with MRWA
- ◆ Statement why nominee should receive award
- ◆ Demonstrated leadership in dealing with community concerns, primacy agencies, fellow workers and public.

Exemplary Efforts in Environmental Protection Award

- ◆ Member in good standing
- ◆ The purposed of this award is to recognize a water or wastewater system, which has demonstrated exemplary initiatives, projects or education on the critical role of the utility in Environmental Protection to the Public.
- ◆ Eligibility: Any water or wastewater system member of Michigan Rural Water Association. Any project of any type that meets the purpose of the award is eligible for consideration.



2026 MRWA AWARDS NOMINATIONS

On a separate sheet, include a description of why the following person/community should be considered for the award.

Water Utility of the Year: _____

Wastewater Utility of the Year: _____

Emerging Professional Water or Wastewater Operator of the Year
(must have recently obtained a license)

Water Operations Specialist of the Year: _____

Wastewater Operations Specialist of the Year: _____

Associate Community of the Year (Population over 15,000): _____

MRWA Person of the Year: _____

Exemplary Efforts In Environmental Protection Award:

REQUIRED INFORMATION - Person making the nomination

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Send Nominations to:

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Nominations must be from MRWA members.

