

What is the purpose of ND WARN?

The purpose of the ND WARN program is to provide quick and professional assistance in any situation that overwhelms the capabilities of a water or wastewater utility. No formal declaration of emergency is needed, and assistance can take the form of personnel, equipment, materials, or services. Member utilities may request mutual-aid deployment of emergency support to restore critical operations at the affected water/wastewater utility. **Member agencies are never obligated to respond.**

ND WARN helps provide rapid, short-term deployment of emergency services to recover from:

Natural Disasters -

Tornados, high winds, floods, ice storms, lightning & thunder storms, regional electric outages, pandemic, etc.

Man-made Disasters -

Significant accidents, vandalism, hazardous materials release, riots, or terrorist attacks.



Promoting statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid assistance for public and private water/wastewater utilities.



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Your utility benefits from WARN membership through:

- Increased planning and coordination.
- Enhanced access to specialized resources.
- Access to all member utilities statewide through a single agreement.
- Expedited arrival of aid.
- Reduced administrative conflict.
- Indemnification and worker's comp provisions contained in agreement to protect participating utilities, and provide for reimbursement of costs, as needed.
- Access to a list of emergency contacts and available resources.
- Improved probability for quick recovery.
- Consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- Only respond to incidents you choose.



How does my utility join ND WARN?

Is my utility required to join ND WARN?

ND WARN is a voluntary program. You join to help your community.

What if my utility can't respond during a disaster?

Signing the mutual aid agreement does not obligate your organization to provide emergency assistance to any organization during any emergency. Each request for assistance is separate and independent from all others.

How do I join ND WARN?

Step 1: Go to www.awwand.org/WARN

Step 2: Click on the link for the Membership Application.

Step 3: Print and complete the Membership Application and return it to the address shown on the application.

Step 4: You will be contacted with further information, including the mutual aid agreement to sign.

ND WARN Status:

North Dakota is joining a host of other states with WARN programs. We are now looking for utilities to sign up for the program.

- JULY 07** — WARN Workshop in Denver, CO
- SEPT 07** — Steering Committee Formation
- SEPT 08** — Mutual Aid Agreement Finalized
- NOV 08** — Utilities Sign Up for WARN
- MAY 09** — WARN Website Development
- MAY 09** — Participant Training in Use of WARN System



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