

Calendar of Events

- December 25, 2024 **Christmas**
IWEA
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
- January 1, 2025 **New Year's Day**
IWEA
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
- January 15, 2025 **Hazardous Atmospheres**
Virtual
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
Lucy Pigati will be presenting on Hazardous Atmospheres. Further details about the presentation coming soon.

Presenter: Lucy Pigati, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District

Hosted by IWEA's Safety and Security Committee
Registration Members \$20 / Non-Members \$30
1PDH/TCH
ZOOM Webinar link will be forwarded by separate email by January 14, 2025
- January 20, 2025 **Martin Luther King Day**
IWEA
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
- January 31, 2025 **2025 IWEA Government Affairs Conference**
Medinah Shriners
550 N. Shriner's Drive
Addison, IL 60101
08:00 AM - 03:00 PM CST
IWEA invites you to the annual Government Affairs Conference. This event provides updates on regulations of interest to Illinois Water Environment Professionals.

Don't miss this opportunity to stay informed, network, and contribute to meaningful conversations.

\$95.00 Members / \$125.00 for Non-members Includes continental breakfast and plated lunch.

February 19, 2025

IWEA/IWWSG Joint Pretreatment Dinner

IWEA

05:00 PM - 08:00 PM CST

Please join IWEA & IWWSG at the annual Pretreatment Dinner.

5:00 PM Networking, 6:00 PM Dinner, 7-8 PM Presentation

Dinner is included in the cost of registration. Great networking event for pretreatment professionals.

Eligible for 1 PDH/TCH

\$50 IWEA or IWWSG Members/ \$65 Non-Members

February 27, 2025

President's Day

IWEA

12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST

March 11, 2025

IAWA Mini-Conference

- March 13, 2025

IWEA

08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST

See Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies :: Home (ilwastewater.org) for more information.

March 12, 2025

Pernicious Invaders of Our Waterways ? Know Them!

IWEA

12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST

Watersheds and waterways face significant challenges, not only from chemical pollution and habitat manipulation but also from biological pollution caused by invasive species. These invaders—plants, invertebrates, and fish—modify aquatic food webs and make it more difficult to support aquatic life as defined by the Clean Water Act and the State of Illinois. The presentation will cover two important but lesser-known invasives that are appearing in local waterways. Hydrilla, a fast-growing submerged aquatic plant, is considered one of the most aggressive invasive aquatic plant species in the world. Hydrilla can reproduce by the thousands from both plant fragments and tubers, quickly forming dense mats and outcompeting native species. It has the potential to alter fish and macroinvertebrate populations, zooplankton, and water chemistry. The second species is Round Goby, an invasive fish that preys on the eggs and young of native fish and directly outcompetes native species like sculpin (which it resembles) and logperch for food, shelter, and nesting sites. The Round Goby has a remarkable ability to climb over obstacles using its pelvic fins and can survive in degraded waterways.

The presentation will look at the presence of these invasives, identification, and what might be done to control them.

Presenters:

Alana Bartolai - Ecological Services Program Coordinator, Lake County Health Department and member of the Illinois Hydrilla Task Force

Chris Yoder - Technical Director, Midwest Biodiversity Institute, Ohio.

- March 17, 2025
- March 19, 2025
- Illinois Wastewater Professionals Conference**
Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
Emily Culella,
ExecMgr@iweasite.org
- April 9, 2025
- Government Affairs DC Fly-In**
IWEA
09:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
- April 20, 2025
- Easter**
IWEA
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
- May 8, 2025
- RIC - ReNEW Grant Webinar**
IWEA
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
- May 26, 2025
- Memorial Day**
IWEA
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
- June 5, 2025
- Nutrients Webinar**
IWEA
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
- June 6, 2025
- 22nd Annual IWEA Golf Outing**
Links of Carillon
10:00 AM - 04:00 PM CST
Doug Armstrong,
darmstrong@addison-il.org
The 22nd Annual IWEA Golf Outing will be on Friday, June 6, 2025 at the Links of Carillon in Plainfield, Illinois. This event is the major fundraiser of the year for the IWEA Scholarship and Charitable Giving Fund.
- This event is an excellent opportunity for members to get together and for businesses to market their company through hole sponsorship, interact with other professionals and meet potential clients.*
- Learn more about IWEA Scholarship Programs [here](#).*
- June 25, 2025
- Collections Webinar**
IWEA
12:00 PM - 01:00 PM CST
- July 4, 2025
- 4th of July**
IWEA
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST

September 1, 2025	Labor Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
September 16, 2025 - September 19, 2025	IAWA Annual Conference IWEA 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST <i>See Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies :: Home (ilwastewater.org) for more information.</i>
September 27, 2025 - October 1, 2025	WEFTEC 2025 Chicago IWEA 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
October 13, 2025	Columbus Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
November 11, 2025	Veteran's Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
November 27, 2025	Thanksgiving IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
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January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
February 16, 2026	President's Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
March 10, 2026 - March 12, 2026	IAWA Mini-Conference IWEA 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST <i>See Illinois Association of Wastewater Agencies :: Home (ilwastewater.org) for more information.</i>
April 5, 2026	Easter IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST

May 25, 2026	Memorial Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
July 4, 2026	4th of July IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
September 7, 2026	Labor Day IWEA 12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST
September 26, 2026 - September 30, 2026	WEFTEC 2026 New Orleans IWEA 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
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