

About us

The experts for water,
wastewater and waste

DWA
compact



Clear concepts. Clean environment.

Shaping the future with the DWA.

The German Association for Water, Wastewater and Waste is the technical-scientific professional association which brings together the specialists and managers of the water and waste management sector from municipalities, universities, engineering firms, government agencies and companies under one roof. The DWA formulates technical standards, contributes to standardisation work, supports research, promotes training and further training, and advises politics, science and the economy. The DWA was established in 1948. It is nationally and internationally active.

DWA PUBLICATIONS

Set of Rules

DWA experts formulate new findings as well as proven technical procedures in standards and guidelines and thus make an important contribution to the protection of the environment and material goods. They transform legal requirements into practical recommendations for action.

Journals, software, books

The journals KA – Korrespondenz Abwasser and KW – Korrespondenz Wasserwirtschaft, software for the application of technical rules, specialist books, summary reports, dictionaries and brochures provide target-group-specific information and support engineers, operating staff and municipalities in their everyday work.

DWA TRAINING

Events and competitions

Continuous vocational qualification and targeted youth development are important offers by the DWA. Conferences, seminars and other professional events keep engineers and operating personnel up to date. Professional competitions for aspiring academics and specialist staff motivate and draw the attention of employers to good employees.

International activities

Internationally, the DWA cooperates with state development cooperation organisations. It trains multipliers, develops curricula and compiles teaching materials, in order to qualify the operating personnel of water management plants abroad, thereby improving the environmental, social and occupational safety standards.

DWA NETWORK

Knowledge pool

The DWA sees professional, interdisciplinary and cross-border exchange as a motor for personal and professional development. The DWA views itself as a network that brings together different groups. Part of this is the neighbourhoods in which employees of wastewater treatment plants, sewer operations, landfills, providers of water body maintenance and municipalities come together and share their knowledge.

Research and development

The DWA is a link between science and practice. It presents the need for research to science and the Federal Ministry, and incorporates research perspectives in its Set of Rules and its training programme.

DWA SERVICE

Library

Specialist books and specialist articles on all water management related issues can be found in the DWA Library. In addition, the DWA literature database contains around 56,000 titles and articles. The bibliographic data of books, series of papers, journal articles, electronic publications and so-called “grey literature” can be researched here. (en.dwa.de/dwa-library.html)



»The DWA supports the international activities of our consulting firm through its experience in training and qualification measures.«

MICHAEL LEINHOS, KOCKS CONSULT GMBH, KOBLENZ

»I am a corporate member of the DWA because the DWA gives the industry a voice.«

DR.-ING. MICHAEL KUHN, KUHN GMBH TECHNISCHE ANLAGEN, HÖPFINGEN

Safety management

Operators of wastewater systems and dams and those responsible for the maintenance of water bodies can test and certify their Technical Safety Management (TSM) with the DWA-TSM. The TSM demonstrates that quality standards are observed and regulations adhered to. (en.dwa.de/tsm.html)

Auditing

For flood precautions, the DWA offers municipalities and water associations the opportunity to put their protective measures to the test. The DWA audit proposes measures to prevent or limit damage. (www.dwa.de/audit)



»The DWA is important for my scientific work because the applicability of the latest research results often only shows in practice.«

PROFESSOR DR.-ING. SILKE WIEPRECHT, UNIVERSITY OF STUTTGART

DWA STRUCTURE

Organisation

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the DWA, and convenes once a year. The Managing Board defines the long-term and strategic objectives. The Presiding Committee directs the association. The Managing Board and the Presiding Committee are supported by the Advisory Committee. The Head Office in Hennef and the offices of the regional groups conduct the daily business.

Head Office

In the Head Office, five departments and a staff unit deal with the concerns of the members:

- Water and waste management
- Communication, publishing and membership support
- Editing and press office
- Training and international cooperation
- Central services/finance
- Staff unit research and innovation

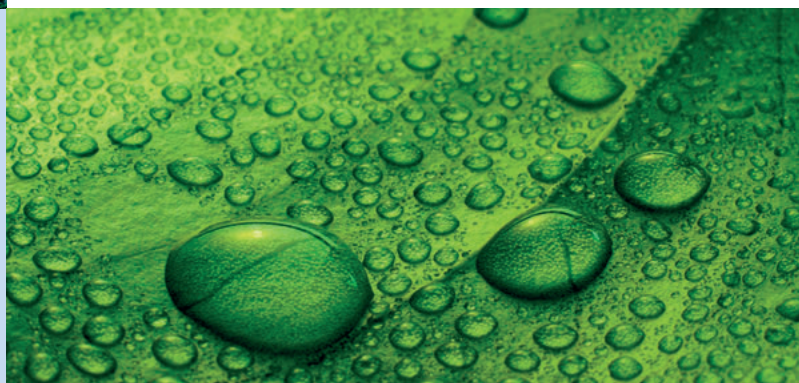
Regional groups

To support the members locally, the DWA has formed seven regional groups. They organise exchanges of experiences and excursions, are responsible for the neighbourhood work and hold coordinated events within the association.

All offices: www.dwa.de/Landesverbände

Committees

In ten main committees with more than 350 technical committees and working groups, approx. 2,800 voluntary experts advise on specialist topics with great dedication and time commitment. They develop solutions for technical, legal and economic issues. The results are incorporated into the DWA Set of Rules, into other specialist publications and into the training programme.



»The DWA supports and advises young people starting their careers. For me this is a reason to be in the DWA.«

DIPL.-ING. NICOLE STENZEL, RUHR ASSOCIATION ESSEN



» I am active in the DWA because I value the regular exchange of experience. I receive information, but I can also make our knowledge available to other experts.«

DIPL.-ING. WERNER KRISTELLER,
URBAN DRAINAGE

DWA MEMBERSHIP

Individual and corporate members

- Monthly journal KA – Korrespondenz Abwasser or KW – Korrespondenz Wasserwirtschaft including Betriebs-Info or Gewässer-Info as requested (en.dwa.de/journals.html)
- DWA Yearbook
- DWA Industry guide
- Literature research (en.dwa.de/dwa-library.html)
- Access to the membership area DWAdirekt with extensive specialist information (www.dwa.de/direkt)
- Reduced price for DWA training courses (en.dwa.de/events.html)

Exclusively for corporate members

- Reduced prices for the DWA Set of Rules and numerous publications
- Half the membership fee for company branches, if the main office is already a member
- Option to use the logo “Member of the DWA” in the company letterhead (www.dwa.de/direkt)
- Favourable conditions for an environmental criminal law protection insurance for municipalities, district administrations and special-purpose wastewater association

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I am interested in (please check the box)

- ☐ individual DWA membership (private individuals)
- ☐ corporate DWA membership (companies and authorities)
- ☐ the DWA Articles of association
- ☐ the DWA Yearbook
- ☐ the DWA Info-CD
- ☐ a sample copy KA – Korrespondenz Abwasser
- ☐ a sample copy KW – Korrespondenz Wasserwirtschaft
- ☐ a sample copy KA – Betriebs-Info
- ☐ a sample copy KW – Gewässer-Info
- ☐ a sample copy DWA Industry guide

»The DWA has its work processes certified once a year by an external inspection authority. For the members, this has the advantage that they can rely on qualified services in the association work.«

JOHANNES LOHAUS, DWA MANAGING DIRECTOR



»For me it is important to be in the DWA, because it means I am part of a network that helps me to accomplish my operational tasks faster and more easily.«

ACHIM HÖCHERL, SENIOR WASTEWATER ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN, WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT BONN

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