

# TANK TALK

September 2020

SepticSmart Week 2020



## Save the Date Flyer and Seal Available!

SepticSmart Week 2020 is less than two weeks away! Please utilize the SSW materials from your emails or our website:

- [SepticSmart Week Toolkit](#)
- Strategic Communications Plan
- SSW 2020 Social Media Guide, Quick Tip [videos](#)
- [MOU Partner SSW proclamation template!](#)

## Decentralized Updates

### Quick Tip Video Series

The SepticSmart Week Quick Tip Videos are now available. Click [here](#) to see “Think at the Sink!,” “Don’t Strain Your Drain!,” “Keep It Clean!,” “Shield Your Field!,” and “Don’t Overload the Commode!”

## DECENTRALIZED WASTEWATER MOU PARTNERSHIP BIMONTHLY UPDATE

### DO YOUR PART BE SEPTIC SMART!

#### Next Full Partnership Call: Full Partnership Call:

September 2, 2020 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST is the next full MOU Partner call. The call is to finalize plans for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> renewal meeting, Discuss the 2020 - 2023 workplans, SepticSmart Week, and a presentation by IAPMO’s Chris Lindsay.

#### MOU Renewal: Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>– 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

(Now a Virtual Event!)

We are planning for the MOU Partners Renewal Meeting! It will now be a 2-day online meeting. We will focus on summarizing the accomplishments of the past 3 years and working with the Partners to finalize 2020-2023 priorities. **Please submit your concurrence and signatory’s e-signature by 9/1 and your comments for the 2020 – 2023 workplans by 9/2.**

#### Up & Coming & Coming – WEFTEC 2020

WEFTEC will now be a virtual event now known as WEFTEC Connect! The event will be held October 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. WEFTEC is “key to staying current and using new information to drive solutions. At WEFTEC you will experience a diverse suite of programming addressing the needs of today’s water quality professional.” Please feel free to register for the event [here!](#)

#### Order Your Magnets Today!

“Protect Your Septic System!” Magnets are still available to order for free via [EPA’s website](#). Get them while they last!

## Coming Down the Pipe

### MOU Partner Spotlight

The NOWRA Onsite Wastewater Mega Conference is now a virtual event! Online and paper registration will be available soon with a deadline registration date of October 17, 2020. More details of this virtual event such as date and program scheduling will be released soon! For more information, please visit NOWRA's site [here!](#)

### Partner Events

#### The National Rural Water Association

[Rural Water Rally: February 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021](#)

[Water Preconference: September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> 2021](#)

#### The National Association of Wastewater Technicians

[2021 Water and Wastewater Equipment Treatment and Transport Event: February 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.](#)

Zach Lowenstein participated in a panel discussion titled “Decentralized Wastewater/Septic System O&M” at the 2020 Virtual RCAP National Conference on 8/18/20. The panel provided information on new resources, priorities, compliance challenges, etc to technical assistance providers, as they relate to decentralized systems. The panel consisted of three additional speakers and was moderated by RCAP's Kevin Kundert.

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