

How to get a WAMS User ID and Password

Note: Follow each step to ensure SWIMS access.

1. Use this link: <https://on.wisconsin.gov/WAMS/home> or click the 'Get a Wisconsin User ID and Password' link directly from the SWIMS login page.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS)

Welcome to SWIMS
The Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System (SWIMS) is a water data system designed to ensure that staff and management have access to high quality surface water, sediment and aquatic invasives data in an accessible format.
For more information or to obtain access, please contact the SWIMS Help Team.
SWIMS Intranet Homepage (DNR staff)

Enter your User ID and Password to sign in
User ID
Password

DNR Staff:
Log in with your Oracle ID and Password

Volunteers and Others:
Our log-in screen has changed. Log in with your Wisconsin User ID and Password above.
Forgot your password?
[Get a Wisconsin User ID and Password](#)

WAMS
WEB ACCESS
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

2. Click "Self-Registration"

Wisconsin User ID [Logout](#) [Help](#) [FAQ](#)

Web Access Management System (WAMS)

The State's Web Access Management System (WAMS) allows authorized individuals to access State Internet applications using the same means of identification for all State Web applications. For example, a citizen can use the same Wisconsin User ID and password to acquire overweight trucking permits and Emergency Medical Technician certification.

When access to information or services is restricted, to protect your privacy or the privacy of others, you will be asked to provide a Wisconsin User ID and password. Your Wisconsin User ID and password verifies your identity so that we can provide you with access to your information and services and prevent access by unauthorized individuals.

Please note that only certain types of information will be stored in your user profile, as described in the [User Acceptance Agreement](#). Your user profile will never collect or contain information about you, such as your driving history, tax information, unemployment compensation or vehicle registrations.

[Self-Registration](#) (Request a Wisconsin User ID and Password.)

Self-Registration allows you to create **your personal** Wisconsin Login Account. This is your key to doing secure business with the State of Wisconsin over the Internet. This account belongs to you. It does not belong to your current employer.

Note: You must provide a valid, unique e-mail address to self-register for a Wisconsin Login Account. Correspondence regarding your Wisconsin User ID, password or other information about your Wisconsin Login Account will be sent to this e-mail address.

3. Scroll down to the bottom and click "Accept"

Web site's computers and may either be used during your session (session cookies) or may be stored on your computer's hard drive (persistent cookie). Cookies may contain data about a user's movements during their visit to the Web site. If your browser software is set to allow cookies, a Web site can send its own cookie to you. A Web site that has set a cookie can only access those cookies it has sent to you, it cannot access cookies sent to you by other sites.

When you request a Wisconsin User ID and password, and when you use your Wisconsin User ID to access State services over the Internet, a session cookie will be sent to your browser and stored in your computer's memory. The cookie will be used to maintain session information, so that you do not have to re-enter your Wisconsin User ID and password when you navigate different pages and/or services. Your privacy is best protected if you close your browser after you are done using applications that use session cookies.

For assistance send an e-mail to [Help Wisconsin Support](#)

4. Fill in your name and email.
 - a. Note: Only fields with a red asterisk (*) are required.
 - b. There is a bug with entering postal addresses. Leave both the 'Home Residence Address' and 'Home Mailing Address' fields blank.
5. Fill in 'Account Information' and 'Account Recovery'.

Self-Registration

* Indicates Required Field

Profile Information

First Name
Middle Initial
Last Name
Suffix
E-Mail
Phone #

If you provide address information it must be complete and correct. A United States Postal Service data base is used to verify each address.

Home Residence Address

Street
Unit Number
City
State
Zip Code

Home Mailing Address

☐ Mailing Address is the same as Residence Address.

Address(1)
Address(2)
City
State
Zip Code

Account Information

Your User ID must be between 5-20 characters and CAN be a combination of letters and numbers. Your Password must be between 7-20 characters and MUST contain a combination of letters and either numbers or special characters (except the @ sign). User IDs and Passwords are case sensitive.

User ID
Password
Re-enter Password

Account Recovery

Compose a question and answer for account recovery purposes. [Click here for Guidelines.](#)

Secret Question
Answer to Secret Question

6. Click 'Submit'.
7. Now, log in to your email account. You should see an email from "wiconsin.gov". Open the email and click on the link in the email. *Log in with your new User ID and password.*
8. **Email the SWIMS Help Team (DNRSWIMS@Wisconsin.gov) your User ID.**
 - a. In the email, please include:
 - i. Your WAMS User ID.
 - ii. The kind of monitoring you are doing.
 - i.e. CLMN, CBCW, WAV, etc.
 - iii. Where you are monitoring.
 - i.e. Big Lake, Shawano County

****Within 2-3 business days, we'll send you an email back letting you know that you're all set up to enter data.****

Troubleshooting

- **When I open the email to click the link, the link doesn't work.**
 - If the link in the email wraps to the second line and if you click and don't get a log in page, try copying and pasting the part that wrapped around onto the end of the URL.
- **I don't know what to put for the Secret Question**
 - The secret question should be something you can easily remember that doesn't change. You want to pick something where there aren't too many ways to type the answer. For example, name of first pet, color of first car you owned. The secret question has nothing to do with your password, but if you forget your password, it's a way for the computer to tell that it's really you.
- **I don't have an email address.**
 - If you don't have an email address, there are many places on the Web where you can get a free email account: Google, Hotmail (MSN), Yahoo!, etc.
- **When I try to fill in my information (name, address, etc.), it doesn't accept it.**
 - There is a bug with entering postal addresses. I suggest leaving the address blank. Also note: even if you don't fill in the address, addresses for volunteers, etc. are kept in a separate database system, so we will still have your address if you have already given it to us.
- **I got a user id and password, but when I try to log into SWIMS, it won't recognize me.**
 - Did you remember to email us your login ID? Be sure to email your user ID to us at the DNR (see step 7).

User ID and Password: What if I Forgot?

- Go to <https://on.wisconsin.gov/WAMS/home>.
- Click on **Account Recovery** to go to the account recovery page,
- Scroll down and enter **either** your e-mail address or User ID. Click on **Submit**,
- You will receive an automated email from Wisconsin.gov
(If no email after 20 minutes, check your Junk Mail folder.)
- Click on the link in the email, and follow the steps to reset your password.

If you have trouble still, contact the SWIMS Help Team (DNRSWIMS@Wisconsin.gov).