

Calendar of Events

February 3, 2026

Beginning Wastewater Class 3 & 4

Illinois Valley Community College

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

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This course will help prepare you for the Class 3 & 4 wastewater operators' state exam and IL EPA

certification. Applicants must meet specific experience, education and examination requirements in order to

qualify for certification. You will earn three months of on-the-job credit by completing this class and gain

confidence in your abilities as you take this first step in moving up in this vital field.

Topics include:

- *Introduction to wastewater*
- *Collection systems*
- *Lift stations*
- *Flow measurement*
- *Stabilization ponds*
- *Sampling and laws governing treatment plants*
- *Chlorination*

Following class, students are responsible for scheduling their own exam for the Wastewater Operation

Certificate through the Illinois EPA. Fee includes the book and shipping.

February 3, 2026

Advanced Drinking Water Class A & B

06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST

This course covers a majority of the significant procedures and concepts related to the operation and

maintenance of Illinois Class A and Class B public water supply operations and will prepare students for the

Class A and Class B water operators' IL EPA exam and certification. Students must meet specific experience, education and examination requirements in order to qualify for certification. Following class, students are responsible for scheduling their own exam for the Advanced Drinking Water Operators Certificate through the Illinois EPA. Fee includes the books and shipping.

February 3, 2026

Boil Orders/Cross-Connection Control/Stump the Chumps

Tilton Community Center

612 W Fifth Street

Tilton, IL 61833

08:00 AM - 11:30 AM CST

February 3, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Teutopolis

Morning

February 3, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Arcola
Afternoon

February 5, 2026

Advanced Wastewater Class 1 & 2
Illinois Valley Community College
06:00 PM - 09:00 PM CST
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This course covers a majority of the significant procedures and concepts related to the operation and maintenance of Illinois Class B and Class A public water supply operations and will prepare students for the Class B and Class A water operators' IL EPA exam and certification. Participants must meet specific experience, education and examination requirements in order to qualify for certification. Topics that will be covered in class include:
? Activated Sludge
? Chemical Addition
? Digesters
? Primary Treatment
? Pumps and Pumping
? Tertiary Treatment
Following class, students are responsible for scheduling their own exam for the Waste Water Operator Certificate through the Illinois EPA. Fee includes the book and shipping.

February 5, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Gibson City
TBD

February 6, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Pittsfield
Unknown time
Extra Math Session

February 9, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Maroa
Morning

February 9, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - River Forest
TBD

February 10, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Macomb
TBD

February 11, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Galesburg
Morning

February 11, 2026

Apprenticeship Training - Galesburg
Afternoon

February 12, 2026	Apprenticeship Training - Westville TBD
February 13, 2026	Apprenticeship Training - Wyoming TBD
February 17, 2026 - February 19, 2026	IRWA Annual Conference Holiday Inn 1301 Ave of Mid-America Effingham, IL 62401 09:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST <i>IRWA's annual 3 day conference. Over 100 exhibitors will be available presenting their latest products and services.</i>
	<i>12.5 Water Credits and 10.75 Wastewater Credits are available.</i>
	<i>Exhibit hall is sold out</i>
February 18, 2026	Water Tank Coating Systems - Maguire Webinar 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST <i>We will discuss the interior and exterior coating systems for steel-welded water storage tanks.</i>
February 24, 2026	Apprenticeship Training - Urbana TBD
February 25, 2026	Apprenticeship Training - Westville Morning
February 25, 2026	Apprenticeship Training - Tilton Afternoon
February 26, 2026	Apprenticeship Training - Deer Creek Morning
March 3, 2026	Boil Orders/Tank Maint/Emergency Response Planning - East Alton 08:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
April 7, 2026	Water Training Session - Macomb TBD
April 15, 2026	Water Training Session - Effingham TBD
April 15, 2026	Taking Water Tanks Offline While Maintaining System Pressure - Maguire Webinar 01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST <i>We will discuss how to take your water storage tank offline for service and the options for maintaining pressure while the tank is offline.</i>
May 5, 2026	Water Training Session - Freeport TBD

June 17, 2026

Fall Protection - Maguire Webinar

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

We will discuss the real-world hazards facing crews in tower construction and maintenance, breaking down the most effective strategies to prevent falls before they happen.

July 2, 2026

Water Training Session - Rock Island

TBD

July 16, 2026

- July 17, 2026

IRWA's Administrative Conference

Keller Convention Center/Holiday Inn

1301 Ave of Mid America

Effingham, IL 62401

08:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST

August 19, 2026

Water Tank Inspections - Maguire Webinar

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

We will discuss the various types of water storage tank inspections, how to perform proper inspections, and how to determine what type is right for your tank.

August 21, 2026

IRWA's Golf Outing

TBD

October 21, 2026

New Tank Construction - Maguire Webinar

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

We will discuss the coating technologies, application strategies, and maintenance practices that help prevent corrosion, extend asset life, and reduce costly repairs.

December 16, 2026

Wastewater Coatings - Maguire Webinar

01:00 PM - 02:00 PM CST

We will discuss the coating technologies, application strategies, and maintenance practices that help prevent corrosion, extend asset life, and reduce costly repairs.