

# Rocky Mountain Water Magazine | Submission Guidelines

Rocky Mountain Water (RMW) is the member magazine publication of the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Water Works Association (RMSAWWA) and the Rocky Mountain Water Environment Association (RMWEA). RMW provides information and material related to the water and wastewater industry for the Rocky Mountain region - Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming.

## ARTICLES

Rather than an academic paper, primary articles should resemble a magazine feature story. It should be of interest to the general audience, informational, and free from any promotional language. Specific product information should be made generic unless its inclusion is essential for the reader's understanding.

## MAGAZINE SECTIONS

- Features – Directly related to the themes list, below.
- Science, Research and Technology – Academia, new technologies, pilot projects, etc.
- Operations – Water and wastewater operations stories.
- Management Pipeline – Leadership and employee relationships.
- Hot Topics – Upcoming regulations, industry challenges, etc.
- Of Special Note – Retirements, new hires, awards, celebrations, achievements, etc. (<700 words).
- Quick Connections – Brief descriptions of ongoing projects and contacts for more information (<700 words).
- Committee Corner – Committees share topics and disseminate information.
- Committee Spotlight – Highlights committee activities, events, and calls for volunteers.

## AI POLICY

Articles suspected of being entirely generated by AI, including large language models (LLMs), may be rejected by RMWM's editors. Authors are welcome to use LLMs and other AI tools for support with editing, brainstorming, research, grammar, spell-check, and ensuring compliance with submission guidelines.

## TO SUBMIT

1. Article length should be between 700 and 1,800 words, unless noted otherwise, and include a title.
2. Footnotes are not used and any references, which should be kept to a minimum, should be attributed within the text of the article.
3. Short (~40 words) author biography and contact information. Not included in total word count.
4. Author(s) headshot(s), additional photos, and graphics (if applicable).
5. Submit articles and images to both section committees at [communications@rmwea.org](mailto:communications@rmwea.org) and [communications@rmsawwa.org](mailto:communications@rmsawwa.org).

## PICTURES AND GRAPHICS

Submitted photos must be high resolution (1 MB or larger) and provided with captions and credit lines. Original graphic files (photos, figures, tables, charts) must be sent separately from text files. Photos and figures should be in TIFF or JPEG format, at least 300 dpi. Tables must be in Microsoft Word or Excel format.

## THEMES/DEADLINES

Theme	Publication Issue	Submission Deadlines
Communications, Education & Outreach	January/February	Nov. 12, 2025
Climate Resiliency & Sustainability	March/April	January 14, 2026
Utility Management	May/June	March 11
Regulatory Landscape	July/August	May 13
Innovation & Technology	September/October	July 15
Process & Treatment	November/December	September 16

## DISCLOSURE

Unsolicited articles deemed to be acceptable maybe published at the discretion of the editor and on a space-available basis. Rocky Mountain Water reserves the right to reject all submissions. Submissions should try to relate to the themes above, but it is not required.