

Ten Ways to Save Money

1. Collect overdue accounts – Collection and shutoff policies must be enforced or you're losing money.
2. Reduce system leaks – Water loss should be no more than 15% of the treated water you produce or buy.
3. Make sure meters are working – Meters are to a water system what fare counters are to cab drivers. If they aren't working, people are riding for free.
4. Update fees, deposits, charges – Check these items. Some may date back many years and be ready for a more realistic update.
5. Get bills out on time – Everyone who uses water should get a bill on a regular basis.
6. Find thieves – Water theft is a serious issue in some communities.
7. Buy in bulk – Purchasing supplies, such as chlorine, are usually cheaper in mass quantities. Consider working with neighboring systems to buy supplies and share equipment.
8. Add new customers – It may be cost effective to add nearby homes and businesses not currently in the distribution network.
9. Invest money – Find a bank that offers interest on your bank account. Put reserves in CDs or money market accounts.
10. Run pumps at night – In some places, the electric utility offers significantly lower rates during off-peak hours.