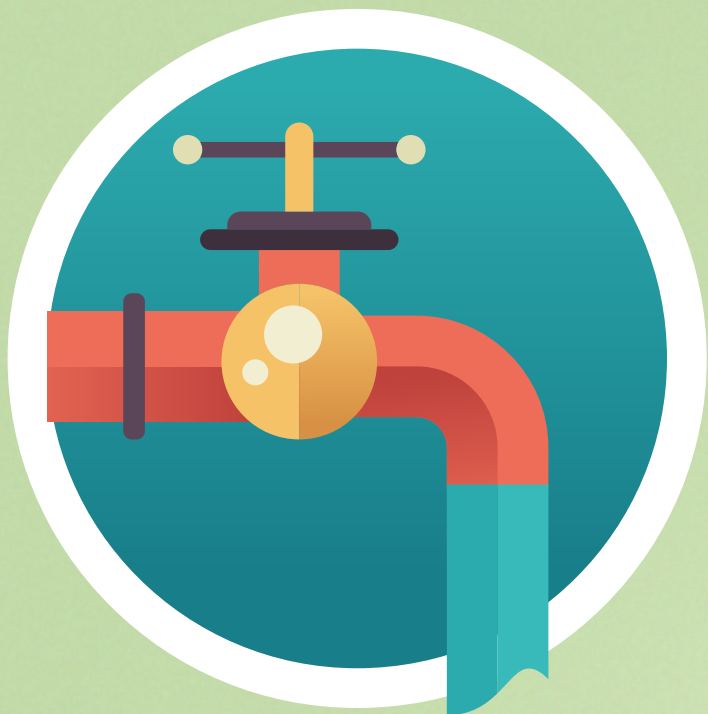


THE MANY REASONS TO WORK WITH A PENNSYLVANIA WATER COMPANY

Pennsylvania's water companies provide the highest quality water and the most reliable water service every day to their 4.4 million customers across the Commonwealth. These companies bring unparalleled operational expertise. While municipalities have many competing priorities, water companies focus solely on delivering high-quality, safe water.



An unparalleled water quality compliance record

Multiple studies of EPA data have found that water companies nationally have a superior drinking water quality record compared to local governments. Systems owned and operated by Pennsylvania's water companies are 37.4 percent less likely to have a health-based Safe Drinking Water Act violation than government-run systems in the Commonwealth. A 2023 study found that Pennsylvania water companies are 10 to 100 times less likely to have a water quality violation than other system owners like local governments. Further, systems acquired by water companies have greatly improved compliance with drinking water standards after transfer of ownership.



Enable local governments to make urgent capital investments in their infrastructure

Water companies have an over \$1 billion economic impact on the Commonwealth and collectively invest more than \$800 million annually to help update their critical water infrastructure and to keep water safe and service reliable. These are dollars coming from the private sector and not out of a municipal budget.



Strictly regulated, enhancing transparency and consumer protection

The water companies that operate in the Commonwealth are highly regulated by the PA Public Utility Commission (PUC). The PUC sets water rates, audits expenditures and approves investment plans. The result is the delivery of the safest water at the lowest possible cost. Similar independent oversight does not occur for government-run systems.



Strong worker safety and security records

More than 2,000 Pennsylvanians work for a water company and water companies support an additional 11,300 jobs – these are our friends, neighbors and family members. A review of federal data shows a 38.1 percent lower rate of injury and illnesses for private water utility workers compared to municipal workers between 2013 and 2022.

