

## Benefits of Preventive Maintenance

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Even though it's well known that equipment routinely serviced on a set schedule will outlast equipment that is not, many companies still opt to neglecting equipment and/or only responding reactively to equipment failures.

This is unfortunate especially today's typically workplace that is more mechanical and automated than ever, where the preventive maintenance of assets has even greater implications.

Preventive maintenance has a number of powerful advantages that make taking proper care of your equipment even more worth utilizing.

1. Extends the useful lifecycle of assets eliminating premature replacement of your capital equipment.
2. Equipment downtime is decreased and reduces the number of major repairs needed.
3. Reduces overtime costs and more economical use of facilities personnel due to working on a scheduled basis instead of an emergency basis,
4. Enhances customer and department service because maintenance teams will have less unplanned maintenance and can respond quicker to new problems.
5. Improves safety and quality conditions for everyone.

### How to Tie Profits to the Advantages of Preventive Maintenance

Preventive maintenance doesn't just enhance the lifespan of regularly used equipment, it enables higher performance. There are many factors that can impact how well equipment performs ranging from the quality of the equipment in use to environmental factors.

However, generally speaking, well maintained equipment performs better than poorly maintained equipment. Companies that take the time to maintain their equipment on a regular schedule typically get the best performance possible out of their equipment.

The performance of company equipment is often intimately related to profits. Many companies rely heavily on their equipment, and the more efficiently and smoothly their equipment performs, the more profit they can make.

While it's true that in the short run companies that do not spend time maintaining their equipment well can make more money, however in the long run their equipment will end up performing more poorly, and they will end up losing a great deal of money.

Preventive maintenance doesn't just increase what managers can get out of equipment, it also makes it possible for managers to save money on power costs. Equipment that is poorly maintained typically requires more electricity or fuel to run.

This increase in electricity or fuel use may seem trivial at first, but it typically ends up costing companies a great deal. While these costs may end up remaining hidden, they still end up negatively impacting the bottom line.