

Ridgeview Medical Center benefits from water system improvements

Since 2001, Ridgeview Medical Center, Waconia, Minn., has been perfecting a plan to manage or remove harmful contaminants from its discharge water. The hospital removed toxic chemicals from its waste stream, added a laboratory chemical recycler, and began seeking safer alternative products. Many alternative products did not increase costs.

Water savings, in terms of both conservation and financial numbers, are a virtually untapped resource. While water may be only 1-3 percent of a typical facility's operating budget, there are still very cost effective water projects.

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