



#### Why measure pressure?

- Is my system operating at optimal levels?
- Too High: Increased leaks and water loss, pipe breaks, excavation, property damage and potential liability, excessive pumping
- Too Low: Increased customer complaints, state mandated minimum PSI, may indicate blockages, reduced revenue, may allow backflow

## Why measure temperature?

- Prevent damage from freezing
- Too Warm: May indicate accelerated disinfectant breakdown and conditions for bacterial growth
- Too Cold: Warns when pipes are about to freeze: expensive repairs; thermal shrinkage causes leakage when cold joints open up; plastic pipe is more brittle when cold

### Why measure in hydrants?

- Evenly Distributed: Thereby providing a representative sampling of data across the water system, expecially near distribution end points (e.g. residential subdivisions)
- Easily Accessible: Above ground, easy to retrofit with technology and good for cellular communications

# Why monitor over time?

- Identify Intermittent Conditions: Recognize patterns of pressure variations which may be unduly straining the system, causing excessive pumping and related wasteful costs
- Reduce Potential Damage: Historical data can be used to reduce water loss, pipe breaks, and energy use