

Staying on Top Of Brewery Maintenance- Brewery Operation

You've already made the big investment in your brewhouse and fermenters and are using this equipment to make great beer. But you really need to regularly maintain your brewing equipment for the sake of your beer quality and your dollar investment. Learn what regular maintenance you need to be doing – and how often – to take care of your valuable equipment so it is always ready to go for your next brew day.

Who Is Oakshire?

- The name Oakshire embodies the strength of an Oak and the connection between people and place that is a Shire, an old name for a rural county. Pronounced “oak-shy-er,” Oakshire Brewing exists to create and share great beer experiences.
- Founded in Eugene Oregon in 2006, we are privately owned by the family and friends of our company’s founders. Oakshire operates a small, 4,000 square-foot production brewery in Northwest Eugene, as well as the Oakshire Public House in Eugene’s Whiteaker neighborhood and the Oakshire Beer Hall in the Concordia/Cully neighborhood in Northeast Portland. Our beers are available in cans and bottles throughout Oregon, Washington, and Colorado.

Who Am I?

- My name is Dan Russo. I am the Chief Operations Officer at Oakshire Brewing. I have been with the company since February of 2013. I started as the opening manager of our Eugene Public House. I moved to brewing in July of 2014 after attending the American Brewers Guild on a Scholarship from the Glen Hay Falconer Foundation. I moved to Lead Brewer and eventually Director of Brewing Operations in February of 2017. In July of 2023, I took the roll of COO for Oakshire. In the position I work with my brewing team to keep making awesome beer, while working with our CEO and Board of Directors to ensure the future of the company in the dynamic world that is craft beer.

A Quick Look at the Brewery



























First Steps Of Brewery Maintenance

- Regularly Scheduled Internal Maintenance
 - What is the Goal?
 - What does that look like and why?
 - How do you plan?

Second Steps of Brewery Maintenance

- Regularly Scheduled Outside Maintenance
 - Who to contact?
 - How to schedule and when you need to?
- Maintenance Contracts
 - Why is this important?
 - Working with your suppliers and how it impacts your daily operations.

Keeping Replacement Parts On Hand

- Ensuring that you are able to keep up and running
- What down time looks like and the negative effect that it can have on your operations

What do you do when something does break?

- Breathe, It's all going to be okay. Find your space and find the time in your way
- Plan the steps to solution
- Work with trusted suppliers to find the right path forward

Final Thoughts and Questions

- Take Care of Your Brewery
 - Be Thoughtful
 - Be Kind
 - Make Great Beer

- Questions?