# [What are the Best Practices in General?](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eZ2Anco7sFB4U_d1Om7u-8Zl2Z2zECS5TqFLNwWNl7g/edit#heading=h.bunpy6t7t22v)

# BigQuery Best Practices: Optimizing Storage

This page provides best practices for optimizing BigQuery storage.

## 1)Use the expiration settings to remove unneeded tables and partitions

**Best practice:** Configure the [default table expiration](https://cloud.google.com/bigquery/docs/managing-datasets#table-expiration) for your datasets, configure the [expiration time](https://cloud.google.com/bigquery/docs/managing-tables#updating_a_tables_expiration_time) for your tables, and configure the [partition expiration](https://cloud.google.com/bigquery/docs/managing-partitioned-tables#partition-expiration) for time-partitioned tables.

## 2)Take advantage of long-term storage

Best practice: Keep your data in BigQuery.

## 3)Use the pricing calculator to estimate storage costs

**Best practice:** Estimate your storage costs using the Google Cloud Platform Pricing Calculator.

Link for Optimizing Storage

(<https://cloud.google.com/bigquery/docs/best-practices-storage>)