



Water Facts

A lot of water is wasted because so many people give little thought to where water comes from and where it goes after they use it. Yet less than 1% of the Earth's water is available for human consumption. And there is no "new" water on Earth.

The water we use comes from surface water (reservoirs, lakes, etc.) or ground water (aquifers). In drier areas water is pumped from deep aquifers, underground reservoirs formed over many centuries by water trickling down until it meets solid rock. This water is now pumped out far faster than it can be replenished, causing the ground to contract and sink. This is called subsidence. Along with water shortage problems, many cities worldwide are being faced with subsidence problems.

- Without water there could be no LIFE. We live on the "water planet", viewed from space the Earth is a blue and white sphere the blue is water and the white is water vapor.
- Less than 2% of the Earth's water supply is *fresh* water.
- The human body is about 75% water.
- Nearly one half of the world's population lacks access to clean water for sanitation, drinking and other human needs.
- Compared to 95% of the First World nations, only 40% of Third World nations have adequate water supply and only 25% have water for sanitation needs.
- More than 200 million pounds of contaminants are dumped into our water resources every year.
- Every day we drink about 110 million gallons of water.
- About 75% of your brain is water. Think about it. And use it to absorb more facts and tips on using water wisely.

By: www.getwise.org

Lee Lake Water District

22646 Temescal Canyon Road
Corona, CA 92883-5015

Phone: (951) 277-1414
Fax: (951) 277-1419