



**WATER --
IT'S ALL AROUND
THE WORLD**

**How is the Earth's
water supply distributed?**

- ◆ **97.2% Salt Water**
- ◆ **2.8% Fresh Water**
- ◆ **0.6% Ground Water**
- ◆ **0.1% Lakes and Streams**
- ◆ **2.2% Glaciers and Icecaps**
- ◆ **.001% in the Atmosphere**

**Water Use Trends:
1950-1990**

After continual increases in estimates of the Nation's water use from 1950 to 1980, offstream uses were less during 1985 than during 1980. Total offstream use during 1990 was 2 percent more than the 1985 estimate, but still 8 percent less than in 1980.

Total irrigation withdrawals were about the same during 1960 as 1955, then increased progressively from 1965 to 1980. Estimated irrigation withdrawals during 1985 reversed that trend, however, and were 9 percent less than during 1980 and were about the same during 1990 as 1985.

The average amount of water applied per acre for irrigation during 1985 and 1990 was about 2.7 acre-ft, less than the 2.9 acre-ft applied during 1975 and 1980.

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**WASHINGTON STATE
WATER RESOURCES
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YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT!

- ◆ **70% of the Human Body is water.**
- ◆ **It takes 1.6 million gallons of water to meet all of the needs of an average person per year for food, shelter, clothing and other needs.**
- ◆ **It takes an average of 2 gallons of water to produce each calorie consumed by humans and animals.**
- ◆ **The average household of 3 uses over 200 gallons of water indoors and another 200 outside per day.**

WASHINGTON WATER QUIZ

How much water enters Washington each day?

Answer: 270,000 million gallons.

Where does this water come from?

Answer: 48% falls as precipitation and 52% flows into the state via rivers and streams.

Where does the water go?

Answer: 2% is consumed by people and plants, 17% evaporates, and 81% flows out of the state on its way to the ocean.

How much more water leaves Washington than enters it via rivers?

Answer: 78,000 million gallons per day.

WASHINGTON'S WATER USE

- ◆ **7,000 million gallons of freshwater are withdrawn every day.**
- ◆ **86.9% of these withdrawals are from surface water sources.**
- ◆ **13.1% of these withdrawals are from groundwater sources.**
- ◆ **Of the 7,000 million gallons withdrawn each day, 4,700 million gallons are consumed each day, the remainder returns to the environment.**