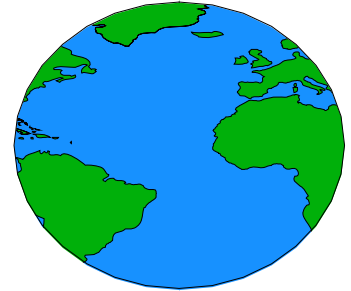


Water and Me Fast Facts

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- ◆ Over three-fourths of the earth's surface is covered with water.
- ◆ Only 1 percent of this water is fresh water we can use.
 - ◆ 97 percent is saltwater
 - ◆ 2 percent is water frozen in glaciers
- ◆ Earth's fresh water supply is limited and threatened by pollution.
- ◆ Water moves in a cycle called the hydrologic cycle. This cycle occurs over and over again.
- ◆ The water you drink may have been a drink for a dinosaur.
- ◆ One person uses an average 168 gallons of water a day.
- ◆ The United States uses approximately 341 billion gallons of fresh water each day.
- ◆ In some areas of Texas, we are using our groundwater faster than it is being re-charged (or put back) by rainfall and snow.
- ◆ Over 50 percent of our wetlands that recharge and purify groundwater have been destroyed in the United States.
- ◆ In the future, more water from the ocean will be treated to remove salt to make ocean water drinkable by people.
- ◆ Conserve water for future generations is everyone's responsibility today.
- ◆ The harvesting of rainfall to use as a water source is becoming more popular in Texas.



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