



## Fun Facts About Water

1. There is the same amount of water on Earth today as there was millions of years ago.
2. Although seventy per cent (70%) of the earth's surface is covered with water, only three per cent (3%) of the water on earth is freshwater and only one per cent (1%) is available for human consumption.
3. Ninety-seven percent (97%) of the earth's water is salt water and another two per cent (2%) is ice at the North and South Poles or deep, deep underground.
4. Without water, there could be no life. Every living thing needs water to live, and every living thing is made of at least some water.
5. About two thirds of the human body is water. Some parts of the body contain more water than others. For example, about seventy per cent (70%) of your skin and seventy-five per cent (75%) of your brain is water.
6. You can survive about a month without food, but only 5 to 7 days without water.
7. A person should consume 2 ½ quarts of water per day (from all sources of water, food, etc.) to maintain health.
8. On average, each person takes in over 16,000 gallons of water during his/her lifetime.
9. Two-thirds of the water used in an average home is used in the bathroom. Toilets use the most water, with an average of more than 20 gallons per person per day. Typically 4 to 7 gallons of water are used for every toilet flush.



10. The average five-minute shower uses between 15 to 25 gallons of water.  
A 10-minute shower uses about 50 gallons of water.
11. On the average, a person uses 2 gallons of water to brush his or her teeth each day.
12. A leaking faucet can waste up to 100 gallons of water a day.
13. NWC has about 5,000 kilometres of pipes and aqueducts across Jamaica to serve over 2 million Jamaicans daily. That is enough pipeline to travel one tenth of the distance around the world.
14. The average person spends less than 1% of his or her total personal expenditure dollars for water, wastewater, and water disposal services.
15. You can refill an 8 oz glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda.
16. Bottled water costs approximately 1,000 more than water provided at the tap and has no guarantees of being any better.
17. It takes about 39,000 gallons of water to produce the average motor vehicle, including tires.
18. A dairy cow must drink three to four gallons of water to produce one gallon of milk.
19. 300 million gallons of water are needed to produce a single day's supply of U.S. newsprint.
20. Seventy-five percent of a living tree is water.
21. A chicken is about three-fourths or seventy-five per cent (75%) water.
22. A pineapple is about four-fifths or eighty per cent (80%) water.
23. One gallon of water weighs approximately 8 ½ pounds.