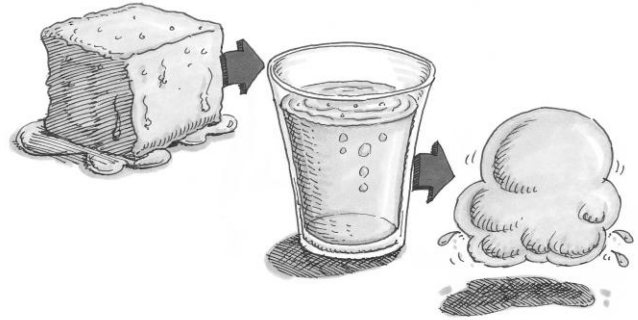


Water Is...

We all know that water is essential to life. However, many times we take this important resource for granted. We expect it to be clean and abundant, but we do not take the necessary precautions to protect or conserve it.



Water is...

- The only substance that occurs naturally in all three physical states (solid, liquid and gas)
- A large portion of all living materials
- Odorless, tasteless, colorless
- Essential to life

Water is the most abundant substance on Earth. Over 70% of the Earth's surface is covered with water making the world's supply about 326 million cubic miles. If it were poured on the United States, it would submerge the country to a depth of 90 miles. However, only a small portion of that water supply is usable fresh water. Most of the water on Earth is saltwater, which is found in the oceans and seas. Saltwater comprises over 97% of the water on the Earth. Just over two percent of the water on the Earth is fresh water frozen in glaciers and the polar ice caps. Less than one percent of the water on Earth is fresh and usable for humans. There is never really any shortage of water. But it may not be where we need it at the moment or in a condition that it can be used.

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