

BAS Kids' Corner



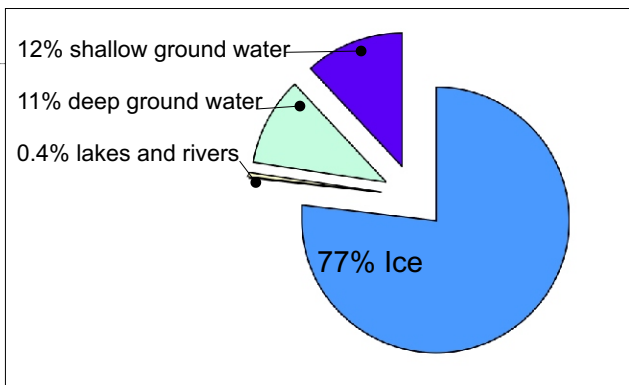
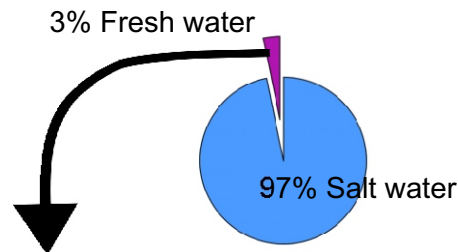
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Use Water Wisely

Why is Earth often called the "water planet"? Two thirds of the earth is water!

if earth was a dollar, 71 cents would be water and only 29 cents would be the land where humans live.

If earth has so much water why worry about using it wisely? Most of earth is salt water which the human body cannot use because salt causes body cells to dry out. Of the freshwater sources shown in circle 2 only the water in lakes, rivers and shallow ground water is available for human use. To get a clear picture of how much water is available for human use...



Try this at home

Measure 10 cups of water and place in a large bowl. From this amount take out 1/3 cup of water and place in a container. This is the amount of fresh water that the earth has compared to salt water. In a third container labeled unusable fresh water, place 10 1/2 tablespoons of water from the fresh water container. This represents the ice glaciers and the deep ground water that humans cannot use. What ever remains in the fresh water container is what is available for humans to use. How much is it compared to the amount in the first container? How much of this available water do you think is polluted by humans?

You have seen how little water there is on earth that is actually available for human use. Water is an important resource for us and we need to use it wisely. **On March 22nd World Water Day**, do your part, make your pledge and stick to it.

My pledge to use water wisely

I _____ know that water is a precious resource and therefore I will use it wisely. I pledge to close the faucet while brushing my teeth, wash my fruits and vegetables in a bowl, not waste water while taking a shower, water my plants early morning or later afternoon, not waste water while doing my chores and tell others to conserve water.

