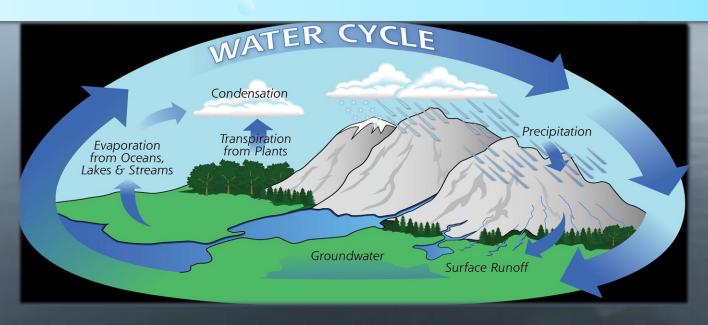
Water Water Everywhere! but not a drop to drink?

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Water and Life



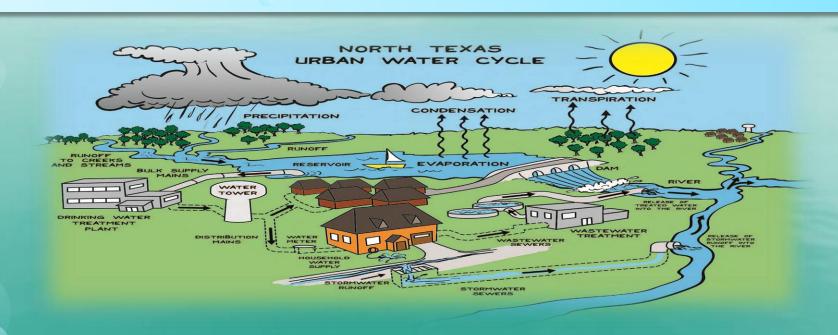
- The amount of water is stable.
- It is found in different forms.
- It is necessary to sustain all forms of life.

What does this mean?



- There are approximately 326 million trillion gallons of water on Earth
 - 98% is in the oceans
 - 1.6% is in polar ice caps and glaciers
 - .36% is groundwater
 - .036% is in lakes and rivers
 - remaining .004% is in clouds, living things, in our foods, bottled water, etc.

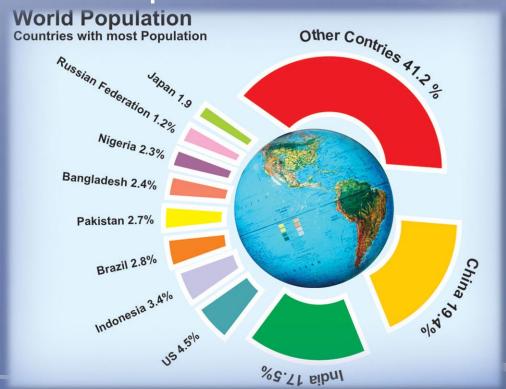
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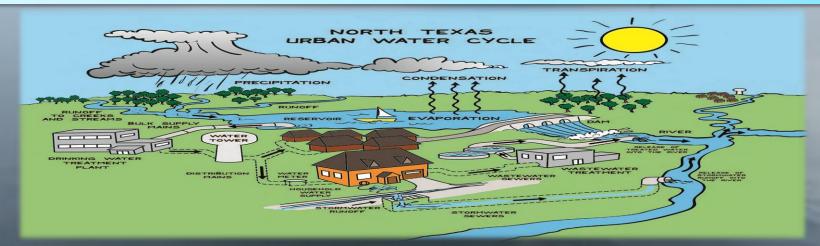
- Population is NOT stable.
- Urbanization alters the natural water cycle.
- It is possible to run out.

What the Data Tells Us

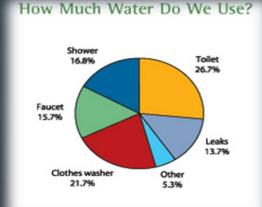
- Average Population growth rate = 1.17%
 - average of 82 million people per year
- Current world population 7+ billion
- Expected Population of 9+ billion by 2050



A Growing Gap



 Average family of 4 = 400 gallons a day of which 70% is used indoors



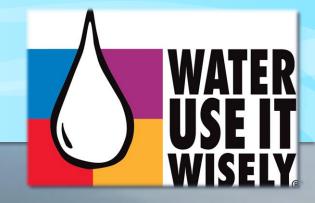
Remediation



- "In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."

 Baba Dioum
- Dallas Environmental Education Initiative
 - www.dallaseei.org
 - Beginning 2006
 - In class hands-on, inquiry-based water conservation lessons
 - 45,000+ students
 - 98.7% commitment to water conservation

Results



- 2008-2010 largest decrease in water use occurred in Zip Codes that received education (p<.001, ANOVA)
- 2011 Education zip codes used statistically significantly less water when compared to control zip codes (p<,001, t-test)
- Twice is nice but thrice??
 - Ongoing research

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