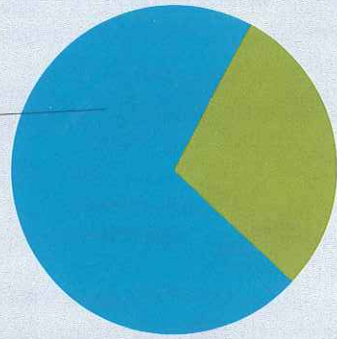


We have the same amount of water today as we did when the Earth was formed billions of years ago.

Water covers **71%** of the Earth's surface.

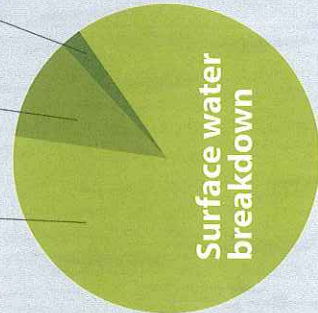


**97%** of it is saline water mostly found in oceans and the other **3%** is fresh water, which is available in icecaps and glaciers (68.7%), ground water (30.1%) and surface water (0.3%).

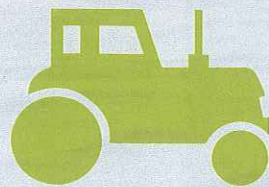
Rivers **2%**

Swamps **11%**

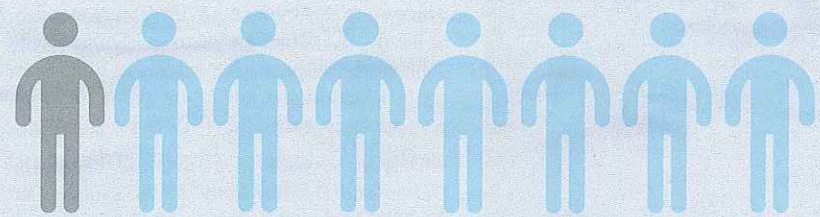
Lakes **87%**



Globally, **70%** of our water is used for agriculture and irrigation, and only **10%** for domestic use.



The five Great Lakes bordering the United States and Canada contain about **20%** of the world's available fresh water.



**1 in 8** people worldwide, about **884 million**, do **not** have access to safe, clean drinking water.

**37%** of those people live in Sub-Saharan Africa.



**64%** of households rely on women to get the family's water when there is no water source in the home.

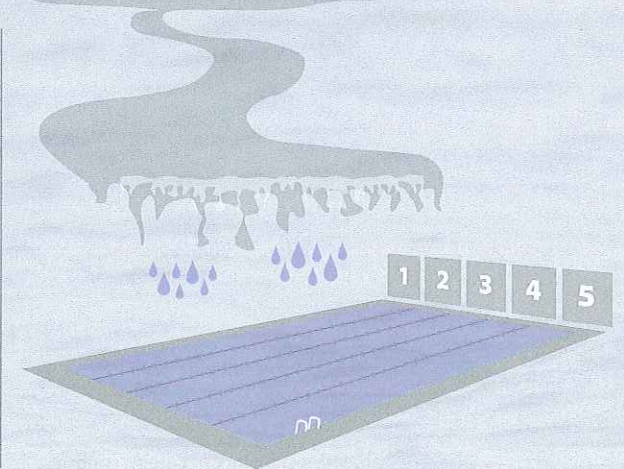
The average distance that women in Africa and Asia walk to collect water is **6 kilometers**, which is about the same distance from the University of Saskatchewan to the Midtown Plaza in downtown Saskatoon and back.



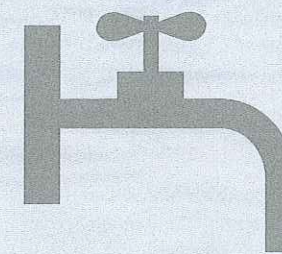
The weight of water they carry on their heads is about **20kgs**—equivalent to the average airport luggage allowance.



The average South Saskatchewan River flow through the City of Saskatoon is **12,100,000 m<sup>3</sup>/day** (12.10 billion litres/day), enough to fill **4,800** Olympic-sized swimming pools.



Out of the **274 litres** of water Canadians use daily (among the world's highest), a third (about **91 litres**) is wasted by inefficient toilets.



A dripping tap can waste up to **3,400 litres per month**.



In Canada, **14%** of our water leaks out of water mains and pipes before it reaches our homes.

Water is the main ingredient in other beverages, and it takes water to process them.



It takes **6,800 litres** of water to make one barrel of beer.