**Bet you didn’t know! Water Facts**

1. How long can a person live without food? More than a month

2. How long can a person live without water? Approximately one week, depending upon conditions

3. How much of the human body is water? 65%, or about two-thirds

4. How much of your skin is water? 70%

5. How much of the human brain is water? 75%

6. How much of a living tree is water? 75%

7. How much of a pineapple is water? 80%

8. How much of a tomato is water? 95%

9. How much of an ear of corn is water? 80%

10. How much of a chicken is water? 75%

11. How much of an earthworm is water? 80%

12. How much of an elephant is water? 70%

13. How much of the earth’s surface is water? 75%

14. Of all the earth’s water, how much is ocean or seas? 97%

15. How much of the world’s water is frozen and therefore unusable? 2%

16. How much of the earth’s water is suitable for drinking water? 1%

17. Is it possible for me to drink water that was part of the dinosaur era? Yes - water is constantly recycled

18. What is the most common substance found on earth? Water

19. What does a person pay for water on a daily basis? National average is 25 cents

20. How many households use private wells for their water supply? More than 13 million

21. How much does one gallon of water weigh? 8.34 pounds

22. What is the weight of water in one cubic foot? 62.4 pounds

23. How many gallons of water would it take to cover one cubic mile of water? 1.1 trillion gallons

24. How many gallons of water do you get in one inch of rain per square mile? 17.4 million gallons – or almost the equivalent of all consumptive use of water in Washington D.C. for one day

25. How much water does a birch tree give off per day in evaporation? 70 gallons

26. How much water does an acre of corn give off per day in evaporation? 4,000 gallons

27. How much water does it take to process a quarter pound of hamburger? Approximately one gallon

28. How much water does it take to produce one ton of steel? 62,600 gallons

29. How much water does it take to make four new tires? 2,072 gallons

30. What is the total amount of water used to manufacture a new car, including new tires? 39,090 gallons per car

31. How much water does it take to process a pound of meat? 3.6 gallons

32. How much water does it take to process 1 chicken? 11.6 gallons

33. How much water does it take to process one can of fruit or vegetables? 9.3 gallons

34. How much water does it take to process one ton of cane sugar to make processed sugar? 28,100 gallons

35. How much water does it take to process one ton of beet sugar to make processed sugar? 33,100 gallons

36. How much water does it take to process one barrel of beer? 1,500 gallons

37. How much water does it take to make one board foot of lumber? 5.4 gallons

38. How much water does it take to make one pound of plastic? 24 gallons

39. How much water does it take to make one pound of synthetic rubber? 55 gallons

40. How much water does it take to make a pound of wool or cotton? 101 gallons

41. How much water does it take to make one gallon of paint? 13 gallons

42. How much water does it take to refine one barrel of crude oil? 1,851 gallons

43. How much water does it take to make one car or truck tire or inner tube? 518 gallons

44. How much water does it take to make one ton of cement? 1,360 gallons

45. How much water does it take to produce one ton of steel? 62,600 gallons

46. How much water must a dairy cow drink to produce one gallon of milk? Four gallons

47. How much water is used during the growing/production of a chicken? 400 gallons

48. How much water is used during the growing/production of almonds? 12 gallons

49. How much water is used during the growing/production of French fries? 6 gallons

50. How much water is used during the growing/production of a single orange? 13.8 gallons

51. How much water is used during the growing/production of a watermelon? 100 gallons

52. How much water is used during the growing/production of a loaf of bread? 150 gallons

53. How much water is used during the growing/production of a tomato? 3 gallons

54. How much water is used during the growing/production of rice? 35 gallons

55. How much water us used during the production of an egg? 120 gallons

(The following facts are from the USGS, EPA, the Army Corps of Engineers and the American Water Works Association sites.)

56. 79 percent of the US population uses surface water; 21 percent of the US population uses ground water

57. About 800,000 water wells are drilled each year in the US for domestic, farming, commercial and water-testing purposes.

58. More than 13 million households get their water from their own private wells and are responsible for treating and pumping the water themselves.

59. Industries released 197 million pounds of toxic chemicals into waterways in 1990.

60. The average daily requirement for fresh water in the United States is about 40 billion gallons a day, with about 300 billion gallons used untreated for agriculture and commercial purposes.

61. You can refill an 8 oz. glass of water approximately 15,000 times for the same cost as a six-pack of soda.

62. If every household in America had a faucet that dripped once each second, 928 million gallons of water a day would leak away.

63. One inch of rainfall drops 7,000 gallons, or nearly 30 tons of water, on a 60’ x 180’ piece of land.

64. 300 million gallons of water are needed to produce a single day’s supply of US newsprint.

65. A person should consume 2.5 quarts of water per day (from all sources of water, food, etc.) to maintain health.

66. Americans drink more than 1 billion glasses of tap water per day.

67. One quart of oil can cause a 2-acre oil slick (which is about the size of 2 football fields).

68. One quart of oil can foul the taste of 250,000 gallons of water.

69. One gallon of gasoline can pollute 750,000 gallons of water.