



WATER FACTS

- More than 1 billion people worldwide lack access to safe drinking water and sanitation services
- If present withdrawal and consumption rates for water continue, two of every three people on Earth will live in water-stressed conditions by 2025
- Someone dies of a water-related illness every 14 seconds
- In the United States, 40 percent of our rivers and lakes are too polluted to be safe for fishing and swimming

SOURCE: ELCA Issue Brief on Water (July 2007)

According to the Lutheran World Federation, though the world's population has doubled since 1950, water consumption has increased by six times.

The United Nations recommends a daily allowance of at least 13.2 gallons (50 liters) of water each day per person for drinking, washing, cooking, and sanitation. Yet over 1 billion people—one-sixth of the world's population—do not have access to this minimum requirement.

WATER-SAVING TIPS

- Turn off the faucet when brushing teeth
- When showering, turn off the water while applying soap and shampoo
- Wash your car with a bucket of water instead of a hose or automated car wash
- When replacing your dishwasher or washing machine, make sure they are energy efficient (look for the Energy Star rating)
- Only use dishwashers or washing machines when full
- Take 5-minute showers (10 gallons) instead of baths (40 gallons)

SOURCE: *Water: Use Less—Save More*
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