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-  80% of the earth's surface is water
-  83% of North Carolina's publicly supplied water comes from surface sources – lakes, rivers and streams.
-  People need 2.5 quarts of water each day from drinking or eating to maintain good health.
-  48 million people in the United States receive their drinking water from private or household wells.
-  One drop of motor oil can contaminate 25 quarts of drinking water. Four quarts can cause an 8-acre oil slick if spilled or dumped down a storm drain!

-  In the United States, approximately 500,000 tons of pollutants pour into lakes and rivers each year.
-  Nationwide about 11% of pollution in rivers comes from storm drains and urban runoff.
-  It takes 1,400 gallons of water to process a meal of a hamburger, french fries and a soft drink.

Sources: ABC News, Colorado Water Resources Research Institute, US EPA, Environment Canada: A Primer on Fresh Water



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