

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GROUNDWATER USE:

- 94% of all water on Earth is salt water, 2% is frozen in glaciers, 4% is fresh water
- 95% of useable fresh water comes from groundwater – the remaining 5% is in lakes, rivers and wetlands.
- The average Canadian uses 350 litres (80 gallons) of household water every day. 40% of this 350 litres per day is for flushing toilets. The use of low flow toilets can reduce this by 30%
- The average person in France uses only 150 litres per day total, in the United Kingdom, the average daily use is 200 litres
- Average animal water use per day:

<u>Animal</u>	<u>LITRES (GALLON)</u>
Milking cow	90-135 (20-30)
Nonmilking cow, beef cow, horse	40- 45 (9-10)
Steers and heifers	30 (7)
Sow	21 (5)
Feeder hogs	9 (2)
Sheep	7 (2)
Chicken	0.36 (0.08)
Turkey	0.45 (0.1)

- In Ontario, 3 million people rely on groundwater for their drinking water
- 15,000-20,000 new wells are drilled in Ontario each year
- In 1992, a Ontario government study showed that 27% of ALL rural wells in Ontario were contaminated by bacteria, nitrates or both