

Fun Facts About Water and Infrastructure



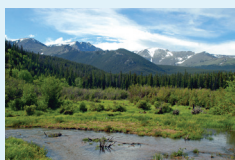
The first municipal water filtration works opened in Paisley, Scotland, in **1832**.

There are more than **56,000 community**, and **200,000 individual**, water systems providing water to the public in the United States.



Public water suppliers process **43 billion** gallons of water per day for domestic and public use.

Approximately **1 million** miles of pipes carry water through the United States and Canada. That's enough to travel from the Earth to the Moon and back—twice!



In the US, approximately **338 billion** gallons of fresh water are needed per day.

The average person spends **less than 1%** from personal income for water, wastewater, and water disposal services.

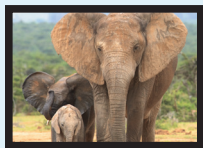


Only Tap Water **Delivers**



Each person uses an average of **160 gallons** of water per day.

One gallon of water weighs **8.34 pounds.**



Each person is using **9,340 pounds** of water per week—that's more than the weight of an adult elephant!

More than **39,000 gallons** of water are used to manufacture a new car, including tires.



Water is the main ingredient in other beverages. For example, it takes **1,500 gallons** of water to make one barrel of beer.

It takes **300 million** gallons of water to produce a single day's supply of newsprint.



Aboveground storage tanks ensure that water pressure is consistent and the **volume** is sufficient to fight fires.

