

MERCY EARTH CHALLENGE



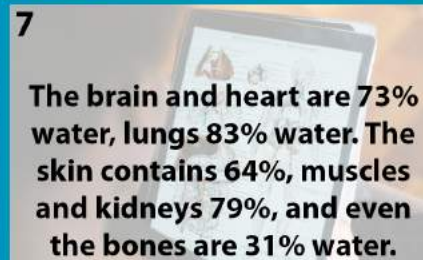
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"Our very bodies are made up of earth's elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters." (LS 2)

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What percent of your body is made up of water? 60%

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The brain and heart are 73% water, lungs 83% water. The skin contains 64%, muscles and kidneys 79%, and even the bones are 31% water.

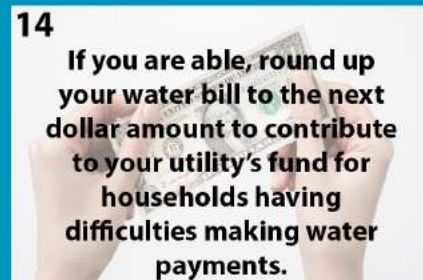
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Water shutoffs are done in many U.S. cities regardless of who is in the house--children, elders, pregnant, babies, or persons who are sick or disabled.


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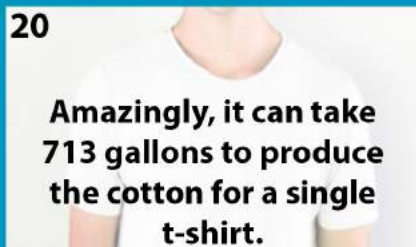
Every spring, Detroit Water Sewage Department announces how many homes will be shut off; in 2019 it was "only 5,600."

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If you are able, round up your water bill to the next dollar amount to contribute to your utility's fund for households having difficulties making water payments.

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What's your favorite soft drink? Did you know a small bottle of Coca-Cola takes roughly 1.9 liters of water to make?

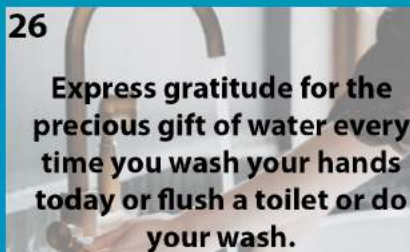
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Amazingly, it can take 713 gallons to produce the cotton for a single t-shirt.

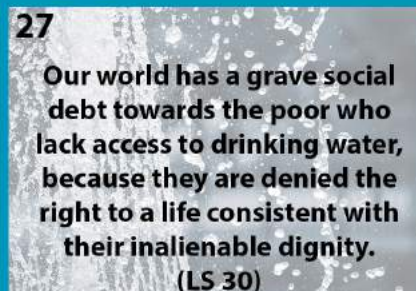
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Research installing a low-flow shower-head and low-flow toilet to save water.

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Express gratitude for the precious gift of water every time you wash your hands today or flush a toilet or do your wash.

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Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water, because they are denied the right to a life consistent with their inalienable dignity. (LS 30)

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"More people die as a result of polluted water than are killed by all forms of violence including war." (UN Secretary General)

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Water: Sacred Gift



Consider your
with water,
essential for
life.

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"Now the earth was formless
and empty, darkness was
over the surface of the deep,
and the Spirit of God was
hovering over the waters."
(Genesis 1:2)

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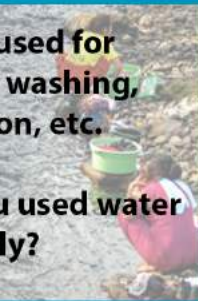
Water is sacramental.

Yet it is something we
tend to take for granted.

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Water is life.

It sustains us. It grows our
food and makes our
economy flow.



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Today, water is under
assault.

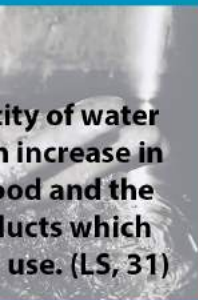
Millions of people lack
access to clean drinking
water.

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Water shortages have
already taken place in
many parts of the world.

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Since 2014, more than
150,000 households in
Detroit have had their
water shut off because
they cannot afford the
high water rates.



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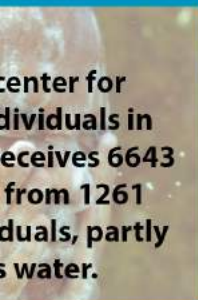
The average person in the
U.S. uses about 98 gallons
of water per day; the World
Health Organization
recommends at least 13
gallons a day.

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Try using just 4 gallons
of water today, the
average daily usage in
poor countries such as
Haiti.

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Those who lack access to
water are denied the right
to a life consistent with
their inalienable dignity.



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s water.

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People experiencing
homelessness lack access to
welcoming places to shower,
brush their teeth, use the
toilet, wash their cloths –
hydration is essential for them.

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What commitments can you
make in your community,
workplace, home or
personally to conserve
water?

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Jesus said – Give drink to the
thirsty. Jesus said – I thirst!



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Raise someone's awareness
of the precious resource
that water is.

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Please commit to
being more conscious
of WATER – as a
SACRED GIFT!

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