

## WATER FACTS-PROVIDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

- According to the U.N., 2.1 billion people don't have safe drinking water at home.
- Of those, 844 million don't have access to a basic drinking water service, including 263 million people who travel for over 30 minutes per trip to collect water.
- And 159 million still drink untreated water—a serious health risk—from surface water sources, such as streams or lakes.
- There are 663 million people who live without a safe water supply close to home.
- About 71% of the Earth's surface is water-covered, according to The United States Geological Survey Water Science School.
- The world's total water supply equates to 332.5 million cubic miles.
- Oceans hold around 97% of all Earth's water, which means all but about 3% of our water is saline.
- Of the world's total freshwater, 69% is frozen in ice and glaciers and another 30% is in the ground.
- Just 0.26% of the world's water is in freshwater lakes.
- And only 0.001% of all our water is in the atmosphere.
- By 2050, the world's population will have grown by an estimated 2 billion people—nearing 10 billion—increasing demand for water by up to 30%, predicts the U.N.
- Over 80% of society's dirty wastewater flows back into the environment without treatment or reuse.
- As much as 71% of the world's natural wetlands have been lost since 1900—and it's humans' fault.