Water is life. The health of mankind depends on it and, remarkably, so does the Canadian economy. In Canada, the quality of water is graded "A" and ranks second among selected industrialized countries based on the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) and ninth overall among 157 countries assessed.

RANK OF WATER QUALITY



Environmental Performance Index water quality rating







87.8



86.5





82.4





82.2





81.6









AUSTRALIA 61.7

WATER QUALITY FACTS

93.1

Approximately 57% of Canadians are served by wastewater treatment plants (compared with 74% of Americans, 86.5% of Germans, and 99% of Swedes).

In developing nations, 80% of diseases are water-related.

Of all Canadians, 26% rely on groundwater for domestic use.

One drop of oil can render up to 25 litres of water unfit for drinking.

One gram of 2,4-D (a common household herbicide) can contaminate ten million litres of drinking water.

One gram of PCBs can make up to one billion litres of water unsuitable for freshwater aquatic life.

One gram of lead in 20 000 litres of water makes it unfit for drinking.

Air particles - dust, volcanic gases, natural gases, toxic chemicals, lead Urban runoff - sediments, animal wastes, petroleum products, road salts Commercial activities - industrial, farming, mining, forestry

NATIONAL FRESHWATER QUALITY INDICATOR **FROM 2010 TO 2012 AT 172 SITES IN CANADA**

excellent or good at 45% of monitoring sites	fair at 37% of sites	marginal at 16% of sites	poor at 2% of sites	



HOW MUCH WATER DOES A CANADIAN USE AS COMPARED TO SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY?



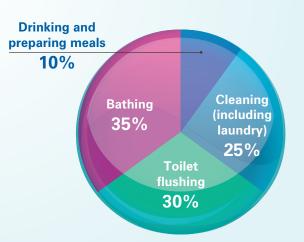
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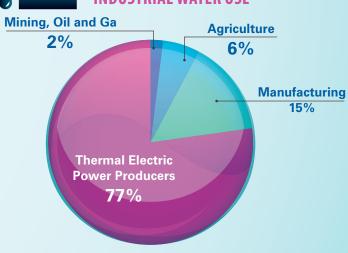
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DOMESTIC WATER USE



INDUSTRIAL WATER USE





WATER USAGE

6 to 32 litres of water are required to flush a toilet. 85 to 95 litres of water are used during the average shower.

2.5 to 7.5 litres of water is used to brush your teeth.

45.5 to 76 litres of water is used on average for an automatic dishwasher.

76 litres are used on average to wash dishes by hand (watering running to rinse).

It takes approximately 3.75 litres to process a quarter pound of hamburger.

It takes 7, 850 litres of water to make four new tires.

147,955 litres of water is used to manufacture a new car including tires.

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