

Backgrounder – World Water Day in Saskatchewan

- Saskatchewan is approximately 651,900 square kilometres (more than a quarter million square miles) in size. Contrary to popular belief, one half the province is covered by forest, one-third by farmland and one-eighth by fresh water.
- Since 2003, Saskatchewan residents have decreased daily water use in their homes by 25 per cent.
- Bathrooms use roughly 60 per cent of all household water.
- Less than three per cent of the water produced at a typical municipal water plant is for drinking purposes.
- Lake Diefenbaker is one of the most important and largest bodies of water in Saskatchewan, it holds the same amount of water as roughly three million Olympic size swimming pools.

Other Water Facts

- Raindrops are not tear-shaped. Scientists, using high-speed cameras, have discovered that raindrops resemble the shape of a small hamburger bun.
- About 70 per cent of the human body is water.
- Fresh water accounts for 11.7 per cent of Canada's total surface area.
- Canada's rivers and lakes contain enough water to flood the entire country to a depth of more than two metres.
- Each day humans must replace 2.4 litres of water, some through drinking and the rest taken by the body from eating food.