

IMAGINE THAT!

- Florida receives about 54" of rainfall in one year. Where does all that water go?

8" flows over land
10" seeps into the ground
36" evaporates
54" of rainfall annually

What would happen if all that rain fell in one day?

- One gallon of water weighs about 8 ½ pounds.

About how many gallons of water are in your body?
(Divide two-thirds of your total body weight by 8 ½ to get the answer!)

- A living tree is 75% water.
An elephant is 70% water.
A tomato is 95% water.
An ear of corn is 80% water.
You are 66% water.

- If the earth's annual rainfall fell evenly there would be 3 feet of water everywhere.
- Seven tablespoons of salt will make the water in a 55-gallon bathtub too salty to be safe for drinking.
- It takes about 115 gallons of water to grow the wheat it takes to make one loaf of bread!

How many gallons of water does it take to make or process:

4 new tires? **2,072**
1 pound of plastic? **24**
1 can of fruit? **9.3**
1 Sunday newspaper? **150**

- Each year, Americans produce enough trash to fill a convoy of garbage trucks that will reach halfway to the moon! That's about 160 million tons a year – enough to spread 30 stories high over 1,000 football fields!
- It only takes one gallon of oil to contaminate one million gallons of drinking water.
- How long does it take for things to decompose?

Disposable diaper:

500-600 years

Aluminum can:

200-500 years

Leather shoe:

40-50 years

Plastic jug:

one million years

Wooden log:

10-15 years

Paper bag:

one month

Banana peel/apple core:

three to four weeks

Styrofoam container:

forever!!

Don't go near the water!

Beware of ponds and canals located in your neighborhood. They may *look* inviting, but are usually *not* safe for fishing or swimming. These areas are most likely **retention ponds**, which hold dirty or polluted stormwater runoff from nearby schools, shopping centers and housing developments. These ponds may also be home to some "friends" you might not want to meet—like alligators, snakes or bacteria!