Did You Know...

Water covers most of our planet. Yet only a tiny amount is freshwater that people can use. That’s why it’s important to understand Earth’s water supply and how you can reduce your water footprint.

**Water Footprint Breakdown**

- **97%** is unusable saltwater primarily found in the planet’s oceans.
- **2%** is trapped freshwater, frozen in ice caps and glaciers.
- **<1%** is freshwater trapped underground, unavailable for use.
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**Drinking water needed per person per day:** 2 to 4 liters

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