

An illustration of a white water tap on the left with a stream of teal water flowing into a white glass on the right. The background is a blue gradient with a white, torn-paper-like shape in the center containing text.

What do you know about H₂O?

7 Facts About Maryland's Water Supply

- Only 7% of Maryland is covered by water.
- Maryland's drinking water comes from surface water (lakes, rivers, reservoirs) or groundwater (water pumped from underground aquifers).
- In Maryland, 86% of the population receives water from a public water system that is inspected, monitored and regulated by MDE.
- In Maryland, there are 3,400 public water systems that serve 5.4 million people everyday.
- Approximately 1.2 billion gallons of fresh water is used on a daily basis in Maryland. The biggest water users are municipal (public) systems, power plants and agricultural users.
- On average, Maryland receives about 42 inches of precipitation which helps to recharge and replenish water resources.
- The same water that existed on the earth millions of years ago is still present today. In fact, some groundwater in Maryland's Coastal Plain region was dated and found to be more than 1 million years old.