



# What you Should know about Water Consumption

## General Public Edition



IT'S IN  
YOUR HOME



FAMILY  
BATHES IN IT



PET  
DRINKS IT

How many people drink?

**11.1 Million**

According to an Ohio Lake Erie Commission report there are **31 lake-fed water treatment plants on Ohio's North Coast**

There are over **10,000 fire hydrants in Toledo** if you were curious.

How do they distribute it?

**1,100 miles of water mains**

The Division of Water Treatment starts with raw water from the lake, filters, treats and distributes roughly **80 million gallons to the community DAILY**

Although water covers about **70 percent of the Earth**, less than **1 percent is available as freshwater for human use.**

Toilet Bowl 2004?

**Over 8 Billion Gallons...**

**...of sewage were estimated to have been dumped into Lake Erie & its waterways. This is the equivalent of 2 billion toilet flushes**

Ohio's drinking water comes from two primary sources: **surface water and ground water. More than half of Ohio's citizens get their drinking water from surface water sources**

Seriously?

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**Untreated sewage contains health threatening bacteria, viruses and parasites such as E. coli, Salmonella and Hepatitis A. Surface water is much more susceptible to contamination.**



<http://www.lakeeriewaterkeeper.org/lake-erie/facts/>  
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