

# Do you know where your water comes from?

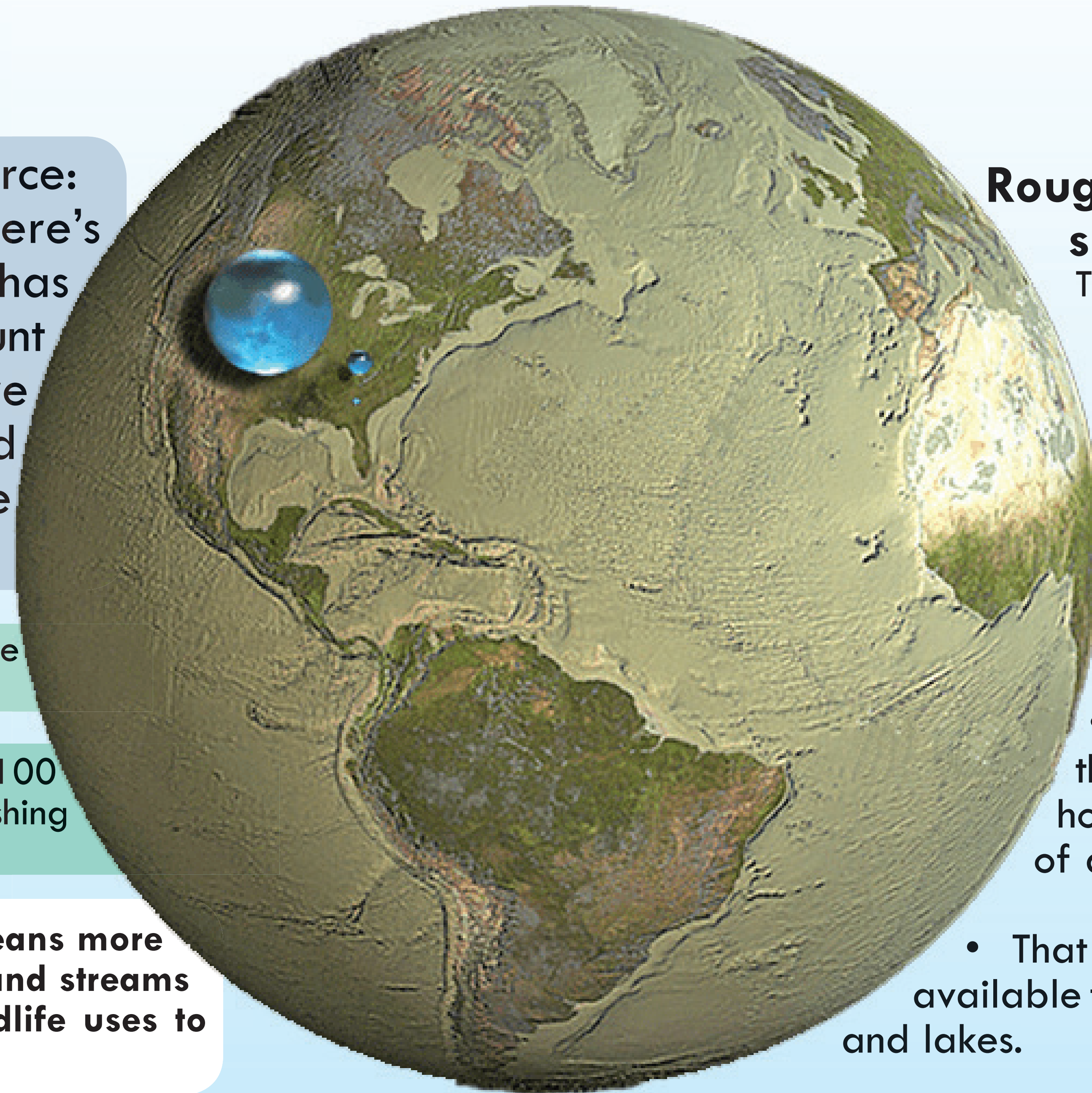


Earth's water is a finite resource: rain makes it seem like there's always more, but the Earth has always had the same amount of water. The water you're drinking probably passed through a dinosaur at some point.

A bath takes 40 gallons to fill, a 5-minute shower takes 25 gallons.

The average American uses 80 to 100 gallons of water a day. (Mostly from flushing the toilet)

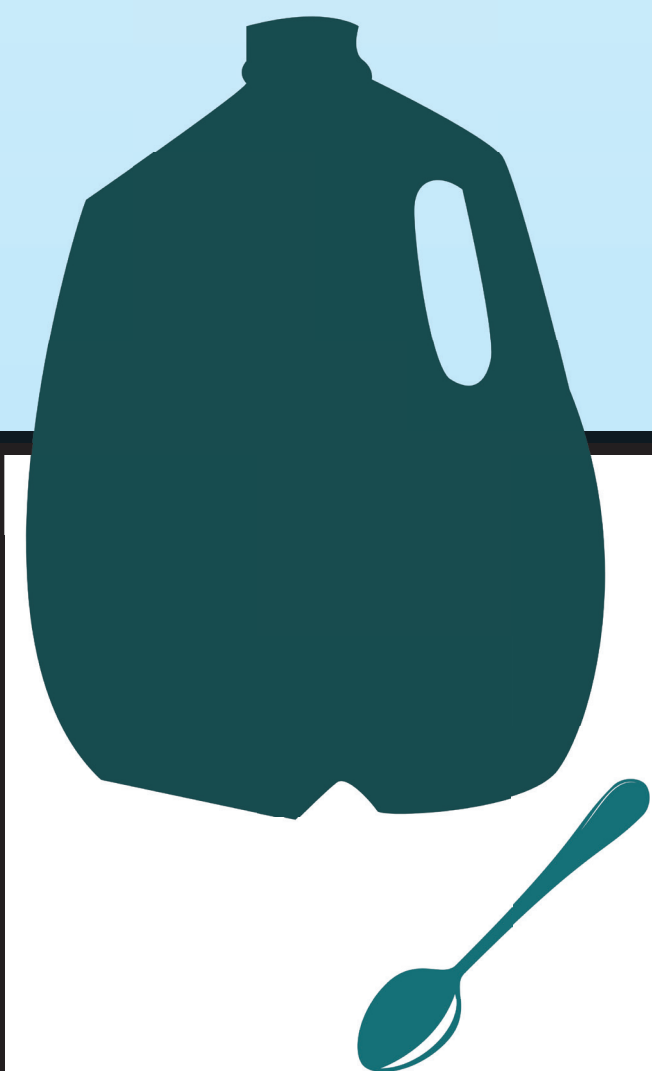
**Less water going down the drain means more water available in the lakes, rivers and streams that we use for recreation and wildlife uses to survive.**



**Roughly 70 percent of the Earth's surface is covered in water.**

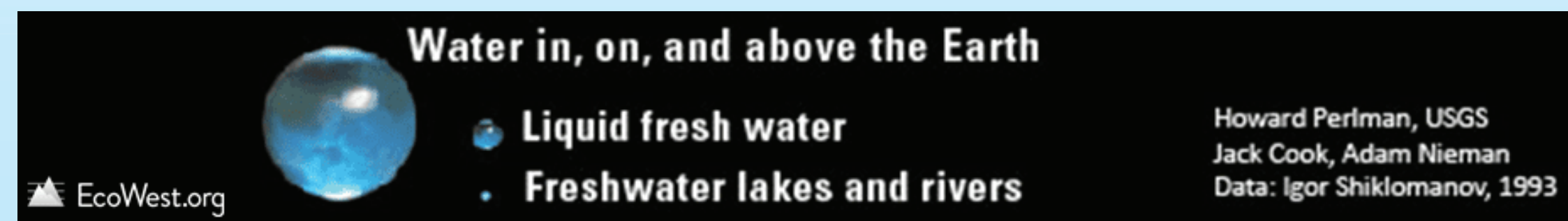
This shakes out to be about 326 million cubic miles of water on Earth.

- Out of all of Earth's water, less than three percent of that is fresh water.
- Of that fresh water, 68.6 percent of it is locked in ice caps, glaciers and permanent snow.
- The water in the atmosphere and the water that each living organism is holding makes up around .04 percent of all fresh water.
- That leaves less than 0.013 percent available fresh water for our rivers and streams and lakes.



**If all of Earth's water filled a one gallon jug, only about one tablespoon would be useable/drinkable water.**

We use that drinkable water to drink, wash, fill swimming pools, irrigate crops, water livestock, manufacture goods, recycle, clean, produce power and more.



**In reality only about 0.769 percent of Earth's water is fresh and clean enough for the living organisms that need it to survive.**