

# National Groundwater Awareness Week

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*Groundwater is a precious resource in Texas that needs to be protected and preserved*



*A public water supply wellhead in San Antonio, TX*



*Comal Springs in New Braunfels, TX*

## Groundwater provides an estimated\*

NATIONWIDE	TEXAS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 22% of all freshwater withdrawals</li><li>● 37% of agricultural use (mostly for irrigation)</li><li>● 37% of the public water supply withdrawals</li><li>● 99% of drinking water for the rural population</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 59% of all freshwater withdrawals</li><li>● 79% of agricultural use (mostly for irrigation)</li><li>● 36% of the public water supply withdrawals</li><li>● &gt;99% of drinking water for the rural population</li></ul>

*\*From the United States Geological Survey, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*

- **Ninety four percent of Texans depend on public drinking water supplies. Seven percent of that supply, 94 million gallons per day, is from groundwater, serving over 5,760,000 Texans.**
- **There are 13,923 active public water supply wells in Texas ranging in depth from 17 to 5,400 feet.**
- **Nine major aquifers and 21 minor aquifers supply 59% of all the water used in the state.**
- **In addition, 1,190,000 Texans rely on groundwater from their own wells for their drinking water and use 131 million gallons per day.**
- **The quality of Texas' groundwater is generally good, and after the required disinfection, meets EPA's safe drinking water standards without additional treatment.**

For more information on groundwater issues in Texas, visit the Texas Groundwater Protection Committee's website at <http://www.tgpc.state.tx.us>