

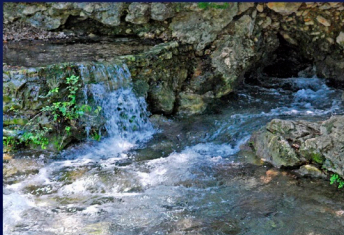
National Groundwater Awareness Week

March 5–11, 2017

*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">● 23% of all freshwater withdrawals● 42% of agricultural use (mostly for irrigation)● 33% of the public water supply withdrawals● 98% of drinking water for the rural population	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 62% of all freshwater withdrawals● 78% of agricultural use (mostly for irrigation)● 28% of the public water supply withdrawals● >99% of drinking water for the rural population

**From the United States Geological Survey, the Texas Water Development Board, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*

- Ninety percent of Texans depend on public drinking water supplies. Twenty percent of that supply, 1,210 million gallons per day, is from groundwater, serving over 5,398,269 Texans.
- There are 14,051 active public water supply wells in Texas ranging in depth from 3 to 5,407 feet.
- Nine major aquifers and 21 minor aquifers supply 62% of all the water used in the state.
- Also, 2,230,000 Texans rely on groundwater from their own wells for their drinking water and use 257 million gallons per day.
- The quality of Texas' groundwater is generally good, and after the required disinfection, meets the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency'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>