

Ramblings on Goofy Stuff: Water

I was having a conversation with a friend today and it really brought up that I take water as a given in today's society. It is no different than internet access, a roof over our head, and in most cases, food on the table. Yes I do know that some of us are limited in many of these resources but hey, a little humor and honesty is a good thing.

Well water, spring water, hard water, soft water, chlorinated water, ground water, rain water, lake water, ocean water, bottled water, river water and water of any other form that we use in our daily lives, it's all



still water. This mostly colorless and odorless liquid, (if it is not in this state, please check carefully before using it), takes on a variety of uses in our lives. We drink it, we wash with it, we flush with it, water for our pets, ice cubes, water balloons, (I like those, especially from tall buildings), we all use it in many ways each day.

Here are a couple of interesting tidbits: The average shower takes 1.5 gallons of water per minute, a full load of washing, 25 gallons, a sink full of dishes, 6 gallons. Add in toilet use, drinking water, water for cooking and it all adds up. Did you ever think of bathing in your kitchen sink? Oops, now I have gone way over the line *S*.

Each individual uses an average of 53 gallons of water each per day. Holy crap Batman that is an incredible amount of

water we use. It seems to stand to reason that we require so much when you figure that most of the world is covered in water and our bodies are above 90 percent water.

Here I go again with the factoids: let's say on average we as people, use 50 gallons of water. Of course some of us use a lot less and some use more, some shower daily and others do not, some drink water and others do so rarely. So many variables but lets stay with 50 for now. Also let us assume that 30 percent of the world has regular clean running water in some form. Here's an

old joke, when you ASSUME, you make an ASS out of U and ME. So here I go being an ass cuz I am going to assume it anyway...



Okay here goes, the world

population is around 7 billion people, and 30 percent of that figure is approx. 2.1 billion people. 2.1 billion People using an average of 50 gallons equals 105 billion gallons, or 397,468,239,000 liters of water used daily in the world to live the life we desire. 105 billion gallons times 365 days and we end up with way too many zeros on the end. The math is just staggering and yet they illustrate my point in a nice tidy way.

Just think, if you said, I will wear that t-shirt one more day to save on laundry, or I will spend one minute less in the shower, or wash the car every second week instead of every week or or or or... If everyone spent one less minute in the shower that saves, 1.5 gallons times 2.1 billion people equals 3.15 billion gallons of water saved for that single minute less. Hell yes. I can do that with ease, maybe even shower with a friend and save 15 gallons of water. *LOL*

Let's put it in terms that we all can understand, I hope. The



world famous Niagara Falls on the Canadian\United States border flows at a rate of 600,000 gallons per second. The water savings from showering one less minute, world wide savings is equivalent to shutting down the falls for 83.3 minutes.

There are just way to many variables for this goofy stuff reporter, to estimate the yearly savings on your water bill but let me just say there will be a difference. Now use less water in all other aspects of your life and the cost savings will be noticeable, not to mention the water savings to your community, your county, your country and the world.

I am certainly not a person that in any way shape or form, lays down hard cold facts for you to abide by in life. My only job here is to report some of the goofy stuff that rambles around inside my brain. If you decide to take action as a result of my report, I salute you and if you desire not too, I salute you and your decision also. No judgment on my part...

From the desk of The Goofy Stuff Reporter, reaching over and sipping on my Scotch and Water.

Peace and Love

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