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FACTS ABOUT NATER

- It takes 7 to 10 years for a drop of water to travel from Lake Pend Oreille through the aquifer to the Spokane River on the west side of Spokane.
- The aquifer is continuously recharged by the Spokane River, several area lakes, and rainfall over the aquifer. The aquifer discharges into the Spokane and Little Spokane Rivers, and is pumped to the surface for human use.
- The Spokane Valley Rathdrum Prairie Aquifer acts as temporary storage for water as it travels through the water cycle. The aquifer holds about 10 trillion gallons of water.
- The hydrologic cycle continues to move water and keep sources fresh. It is estimated that 100 million billion gallons a year are cycled through this process.

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- Earth is the only planet in our solar system with extensive liquid water other planets are too hot or too cold, too big or too small.
- The driving force for the hydrologic cycle is the sun, which provides the energy needed for evaporation just as the flame of a gas stove provides the energy necessary to boil water and create steam.
- Earth's water is always in movement, and the water cycle, also known as the hydrologic cycle, describes the continuous movement of water on, above, and below the surface of the Earth.
- Water is constantly being recycled in the hydrologic cycle, so you could be drinking the same water which a dinosaur once drank.
- Water is the only substance naturally found on earth in three states, as a solid (ice), a liquid (water), and a gas (water vapor.)

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