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# Energy & Water Web Guides Featuring U.S. Government Web Sites

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2. Energy & Water Guides
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and what to do
4. Q & A & Discussion



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### Government Information

Government information can be a great resource for your research. Here are the government information guides for CO150-relevant topics:

- [Government Information on Food](#)
- [Government Information on Energy](#)
- [Government Information on Water](#)



# Government Information Guide

<http://libguides.colostate.edu/govinfo>



The screenshot shows a navigation menu on the left with the following items: Home (highlighted), Core Federal Titles, Federal Agencies, Federal Topics, Colorado Government, Local City/County, Other Gov Access Points, Datasets, International Gov Info, Food, Water, and Energy. Three blue arrows point from the left towards the 'Local City/County', 'Water', and 'Energy' items.

**Federal Depository Library**

The library at CSU became a depository for materials from the Government Printing Office in 1903. The federal documents collection now totals approximately one million print pieces, and over 70,000 maps and thousands of Internet publications.

**Government Information**

This guide will help you find information published by selected agencies of the federal and local governments in the United States of America (USA). Suggested online locations to search for government information 24/7 are:

<b>Govinfo</b> <a href="https://www.govinfo.gov/">https://www.govinfo.gov/</a>	Discover U.S. Government Information.
<b>Science.gov</b> <a href="http://www.science.gov/">http://www.science.gov/</a>	Gateway to U.S. Federal Science.
<b>Congress.gov</b> <a href="https://www.congress.gov/">https://www.congress.gov/</a>	Official website for U.S. federal legislative information.
<b>USA.gov</b> <a href="https://www.usa.gov/">https://www.usa.gov/</a>	Guide to government information and services.

Selected government resources are highlighted via the Federal agencies, Federal topics, Colorado Government, and Local City County tabs found on the left-hand side of this page.

**CRS Reports.** Just made available to the public for the first time September 19, 2018, these excellent resources provide a thorough overview of subjects. Requestors are members of Congress.



# Food—Brief Review & Use

<http://libguides.colostate.edu/govinfo/food>

Topical theme for many of the first year composition courses (2016-17 and 2017-18)



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# Food--Table of Contents

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- [Food--National Agriculture Library \(focus on harvesting and growing food, past and present\)](#)
- [Food--GMOs \(Genetically Engineered Organisms\) Related to Crops](#)
- [Food--Imports and Exports](#)
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# Food Waste

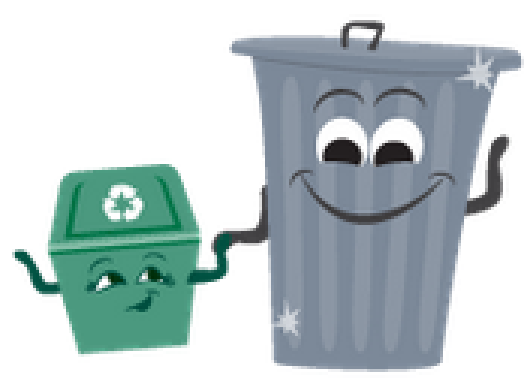


<https://www.choosemyplate.gov/lets-talk-trash>



**Be Food Safe**

Shop refrigerated or frozen foods just before checking out. Transport items that spoil easily in a cooler or thermal bag and refrigerate or freeze within two hours of shopping.





# Growing and Harvesting



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**Agricultural Operations**



**GAO** U.S. Government Accountability Office

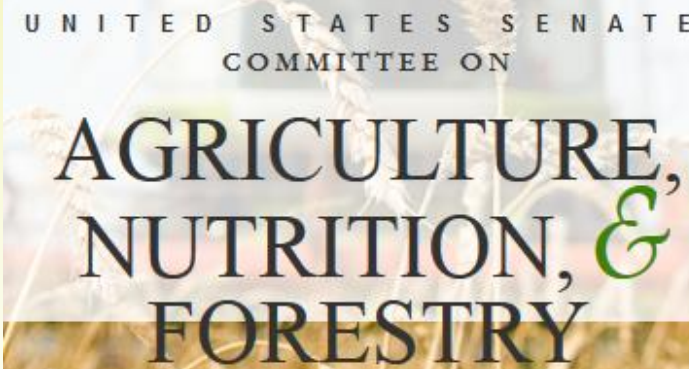
All Topics » Agriculture and Food

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**AGRICULTURE,  
NUTRITION, &  
FORESTRY**



# Growing and Harvesting 2



562 datasets found

Fruit and Vegetable Prices 725 recent views

[https://catalog.data.gov/dataset?groups=agriculture8571#topic=food\\_navigation](https://catalog.data.gov/dataset?groups=agriculture8571#topic=food_navigation)



## Data Search Tools

- [Quick Stats](#)
- [Quick Stats Tutorial](#)
- [Desktop Data Query Tool](#)
- [Ag Atlas Maps](#)
- [Ag Census Web Maps](#)

## Find Data By

- [Congressional District](#)
- [Historical Census Year](#)
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## I'm looking for



[How to Start a Farm](#)

[How to Start a Farm](#)

[Disaster Resources](#)

[How to Get Organic Certified](#)

[Food Safety Recalls](#)

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# Food July 1, 2016-Jun 30, 2017

- 3593 pageviews
- 2562 unique pageviews
- Gov Info (pageviews) 4852 / (unique) 3622:



# Food Jan 1-Dec 31, 2017

- 3339 pageviews [by page title]
- 2431 unique pageviews



# Top Pages 2017 at CSUL

1. A-Z Databases
2. Home Res. Guides
3. A-Z Databases  
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4. Aerial & Sat. Photos
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7. Your Mission  
AGRI116
8. Historic Colorado  
Maps
9. **Food** Gov Info (!)



# A-Z DATABASES

Find the best library databases for your research.

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## Starting Points

Don't know where to start? Try one of these databases

[Academic Search Premier](#)

[Business Source Complete](#)

[Google Scholar](#)

[News Bank](#)

[Web of Science](#)

Need basic information? Try a reference collection

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)

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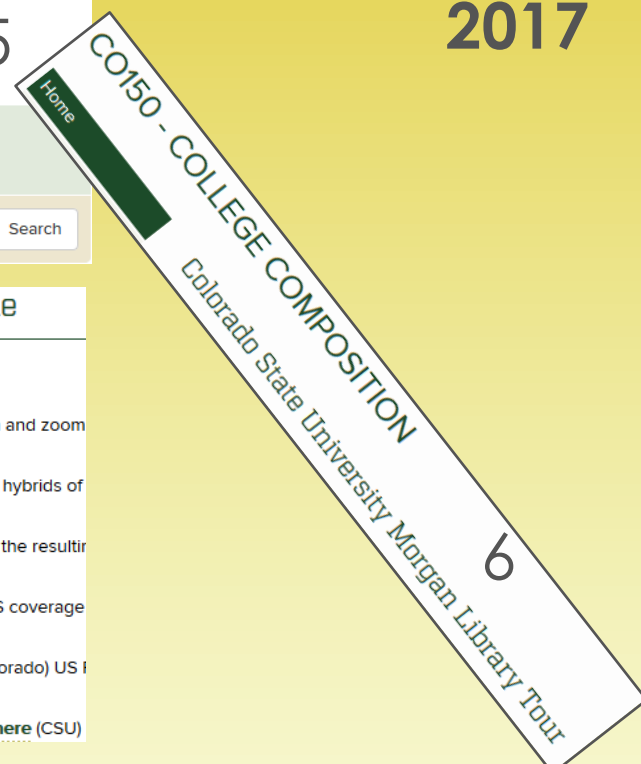
## Aerial & Satellite Photos Online

### Aerial & Satellite Photographs Online:

- Google Earth**  
 Free download version allows for worldwide search and zoom
- Google Maps**  
 Zoom in to US locales for maps, satellite images, or hybrids of
- MapQuest**  
 Enter a US address, then select "aerial image" from the resulting
- TerraServer-USA**  
 Images worldwide, usually with multiple choices; US coverage 15 m.
- Aerial Photographs of Colorado** (University of Colorado) US mountains, 1938-1947.
- Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere** (CSU)

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Home	<b>Historic Colorado Maps</b>
Terminology & Finding Aids	Emphasis on this page is upon Colorado historic maps, either in the collection at the Colorado State University Libraries or online. The arrangement is from newer maps to older.
Internet Map Resources	<b>7.5' (1:24,000) USGS Topographic Maps:</b> This has been the standard detailed mapping series since the 1950s. A listing of CSU library holdings can be found by a number search in the <a href="#">library catalog</a> of the SuDoc call number I19.81:CO. This list is not complete nor does the library own all editions and printings.
Geology Maps	<b>County Maps (1:50,000) USGS:</b> This map series was published in the 1970s. A listing of CSU library holdings can be found by a number search in the <a href="#">library catalog</a> of the SuDoc call number I19.108:CO.
<b>Historic Colorado Maps</b>	<b>Older 20th-Century Topographic Maps:</b> Most of these maps from the USGS were published 1890 through 1960. Some from the Defense Mapping Agency date from the 1980s. Scales are usually 15' or 30'. A listing can be found by a number search in the <a href="#">library catalog</a> of the SuDoc call number I19.81/2:CO. These maps are inter-shelved alphabetically with the 7.5' Colorado maps. A number of these and other historical topographic maps can be found at these websites: <a href="#">Colorado Historic Quadrangle Maps</a> , from the Historical Maps Archive, University of Alabama Libraries. <a href="#">Fort Collins History Collection - Historic Maps</a> <a href="#">Broer Map Library</a>
Topographic Maps	See also the <a href="#">USGS Historical Topographic Map Explorer</a>
Aerial & Satellite Photos	
Hydrology & Water	
Tribal Nations Maps	
GIS	

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## AGRI116 - PLANTS AND CIVILIZATIONS

Research help for AGRI116 students.

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- Starting your search
- Taking your search to another level
- Processing what you find
- Citing
- Putting your pen to

### Your mission: Library Research Assignment

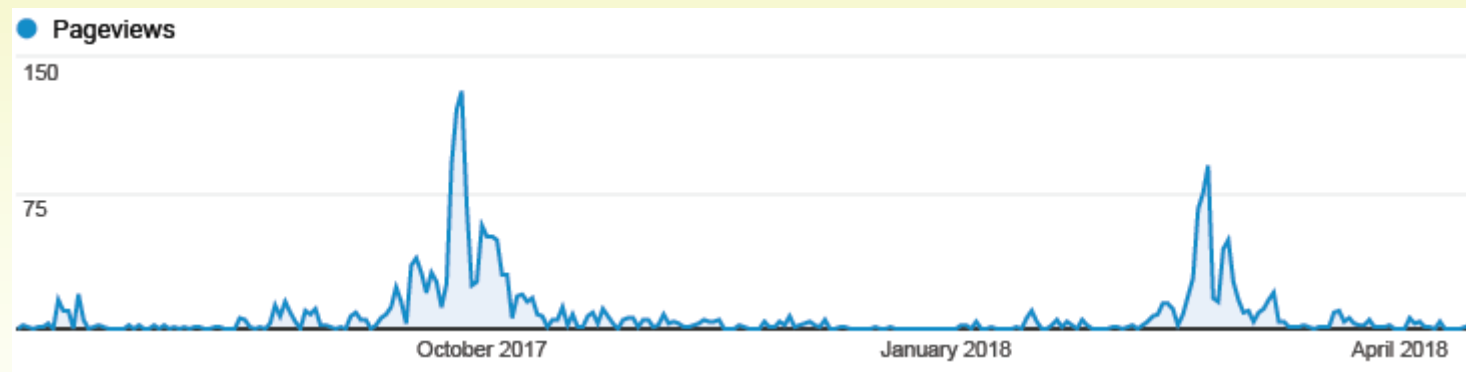
Pick a plant and find 10 **unique** references on applicable aspects including the:

- Biology / Natural history
- Social / Cultural
- Economic
- Historical
- Human health
- Policy / legal aspects of your plant and how it has interacted with humans or human cultures



# Food Pages Use

- July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018 (#16 / 14)
- 2,289 pageviews
- 1,853 unique pageviews:



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Geology Maps

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## Aerial & Satellite Photographs Online:

- **Google Earth**  
Free download version allows for worldwide search and zoom
- **Google Maps**  
Zoom in to US locales for maps, satellite images, or hybrids of

Internet Map

Resources

# HOW TO DO LIBRARY RESEARCH

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This set of pages has information on how to do library research. In all cases, once you have located sources, be sure to evaluate them, using the evaluation guides.

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

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This guide has links to resources for doing literary research. Some give general research advice and others are specific to an author or subject.

## Language Research Topics

There are many influences upon language. Subject terms used in recommended reference sources for the issues listed below are provided under each topic. However, keep in mind that there are additional terms that you will want to try and that you will need to combine concepts in many of the databases or be overwhelmed with search results. Try to narrow your searches so that you are looking at smaller sets (of under 75). Some terms listed under one issue may be useful in others, so you might want to look under more than one of these for ideas.

- **Double Talk, Euphemisms, & Professional Jargon**
- **Language and Advertising**
- **Language and Community**
- **Language and Cultural Identity**
- **Language and Culture**
- **Language and Gender**
- **Language and Literacy**
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- **Language and the Media**
- **Language of Politics**

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## Academic Search Premier

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Scholarly vs. Popular Resources

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Academic Search

**Academic Search Premier** is a broad, interdisciplinary wide range of subjects. It includes a mix of scholar publications, and a little bit of newspaper coverage point for the kind of research you will need to do in Search Premier is one of many databases that our EBSCOhost. If you learn this database well, you'll be able to search databases with ease.

Searching: Academic Search Premier | Choose Databases

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PsycINFO

Books+

**PsycINFO (1887-present)** Citation psychological aspects of related d book chapters, books, dissertation

Encyclopedias+

**Quick Reference Guide (pdf)**

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Assist distance learners with access to library resources

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Before you begin

Library Accounts

Course registration establishes yo

Books

You will generally need to have ac setting up any library accounts.

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Help with Resources

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# Food: Jan 1-Jun 30, 2018

- 778 pageviews (30% of Gov Info)
- 627 unique pageviews (29%)
- Gov Info site (pageviews) 2577 / (unique) 2130:



# Average Time on Page

- July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018: 2:42
- Jan 1, 2018-June 30, 2018: 2:25



- So—for everyone who jumped on and left immediately, someone stayed close to or over 5 minutes



# Food Pages: Success!

- Heaviest Government Information page use
- Jan-Jun 2018, next heaviest has less than half as many hits (279 vs. 778)
- Looking forward to seeing how Energy & Water do!



# Variables to Consider

- Number of sections with Food as a topic
- Number of sections with Food, Water, & Energy as a topic
- Instructors or course may choose a different topic after the first year



# Food, Energy, & Water

Topical theme for many of the first year composition courses 2018-19



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# Topical Documents on Display



**HEARINGS . . . THE COVERS MIGHT BE DULL, BUT THE CONTENTS ARE GOLDEN!**

MOST OF THE HEARINGS ON DISPLAY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE VIA THE LIBRARY CATALOG.

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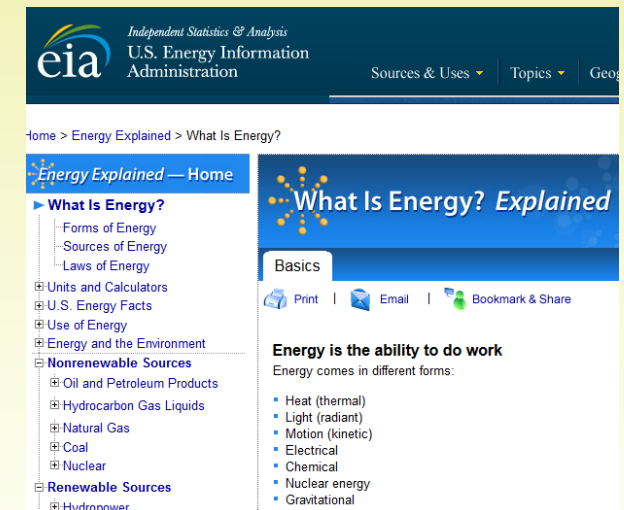
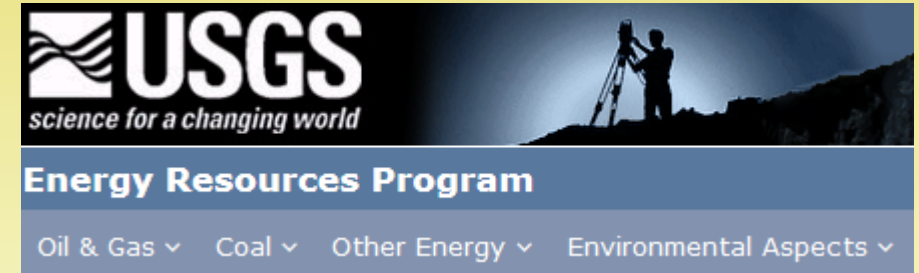
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# Energy

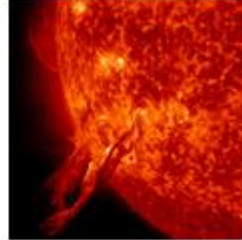
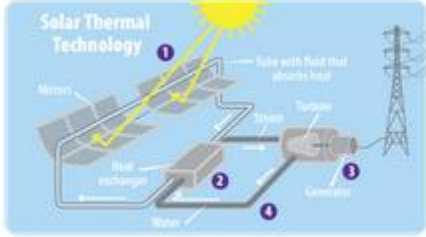
## Energy--Information from Various Governmental Sites

One thing to note about these Web sites, and any others for that matter, is that content can change at any time. Be sure to save any content that you might use later. Some of the links below go to the same larger organization, but are listed separately for faster locating.



# Solar Energy

See the guide prepared by the [Library of Congress on Solar Energy](#). It has subject headings, recommended readings, and more.

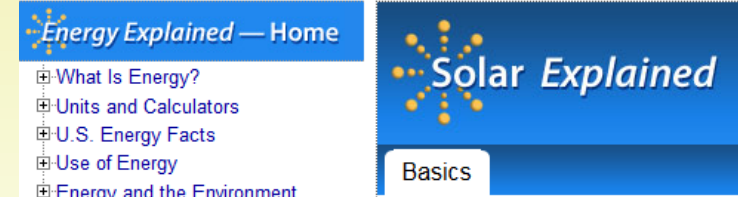


## Solar Energy Basics

Solar is the Latin word for sun—a powerful source of energy that can heat and light our homes and businesses. That's because more energy from the sun reaches the earth in one hour than is used by everyone in the world in one year.

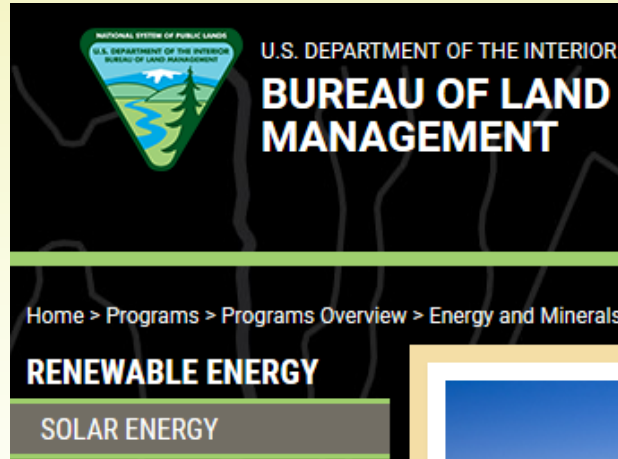


Home > Energy Explained > Renewable Sources > Solar



## Solar Energy

The sun's light and heat can supply usable power such as heat or electricity. Find information about solar energy technologies, ongoing research, policies and programs.





# Thermal/Geothermal Energy

This section has information on thermal/geothermal energy. "Geothermal energy is heat within the earth."  
(Geothermal Explained.)



Environmental Topics

Laws & Regulations

About EPA

## Renewable Heating and Cooling: The Thermal Energy Advantage

News & Features | Maps & Data | Teaching Climate

Climate news, stories, images, & video  
(ClimateWatch Magazine)

Home » News & Features » Understanding Climate » Climate Change: Ocean Heat Content

### Climate Change: Ocean Heat Content

Author: LuAnn Dahlman and Rebecca Lindsey

National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
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## Thermal Energy Conversion

The Library of Congress >> Researchers

## Science Reference Services

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### SCIENCE TRACER BULLETS ONLINE

## Geothermal Energy

Tracer Bullet 07-1

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### OSHA

Occupational Safety & Health Administration

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### Green Job Hazards: Geo-Thermal Energy

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### Energy in Colorado

## Geothermal



# Radiant/Electromagnetic Energy

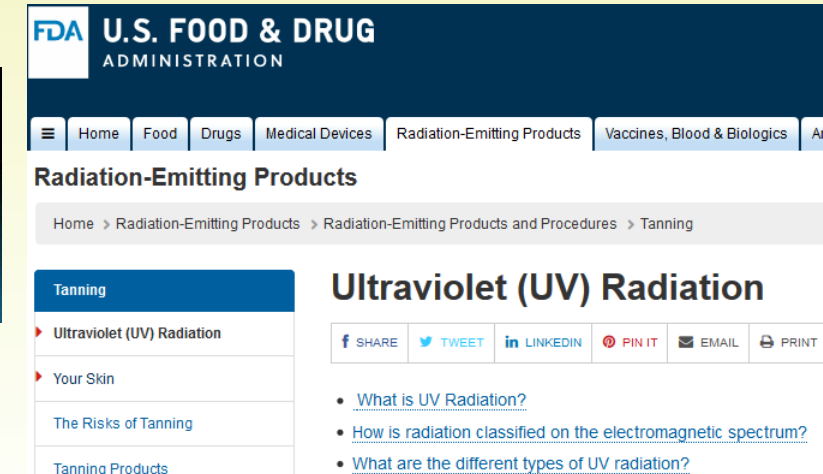
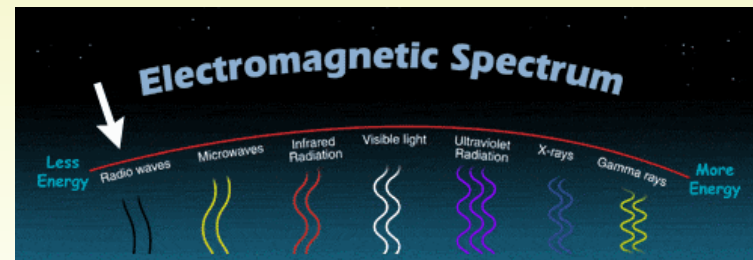
Radiant energy is energy from electromagnetic waves. "The visible light from the Sun is only one type of radiant energy. The other types of radiant energy are known as gamma rays, x rays, ultraviolet, infrared, microwaves, and radio waves."\*



## NIH NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE Electromagnetic Fields and Cancer

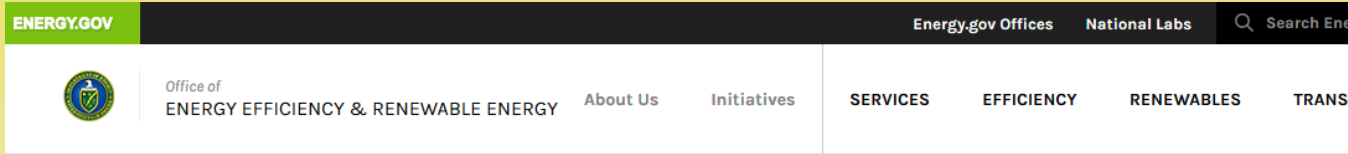
### ON THIS PAGE

- [What are electric and magnetic fields?](#)
- [What are common sources of non-ionizing EMFs?](#)



# Kinetic/Motion/Hydrokinetic Energy

"Kinetic energy is the motion of waves, electrons, atoms, molecules, substances, and objects." (Energy Kids.)



## Energy 101: Marine and Hydrokinetic Energy



What is Energy?

*Energy forms are either **potential** or **kinetic**. **Potential** energy comes in forms that are stored including chemical, gravitational, mechanical, and nuclear. **Kinetic** energy is energy in movement and includes electrical energy, heat, light, and sound.*



Energy Basics

Forms of Energy

Full . Published Online: 10 September 2012

## Cars and Kinetic Energy – Some Simple Physics with Real-World Relevance

The Physics Teacher 50, 395 (2012); <https://doi.org/10.1119/1.4752039>

Raghuv eer Parthasarathy



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
**Energy Development**

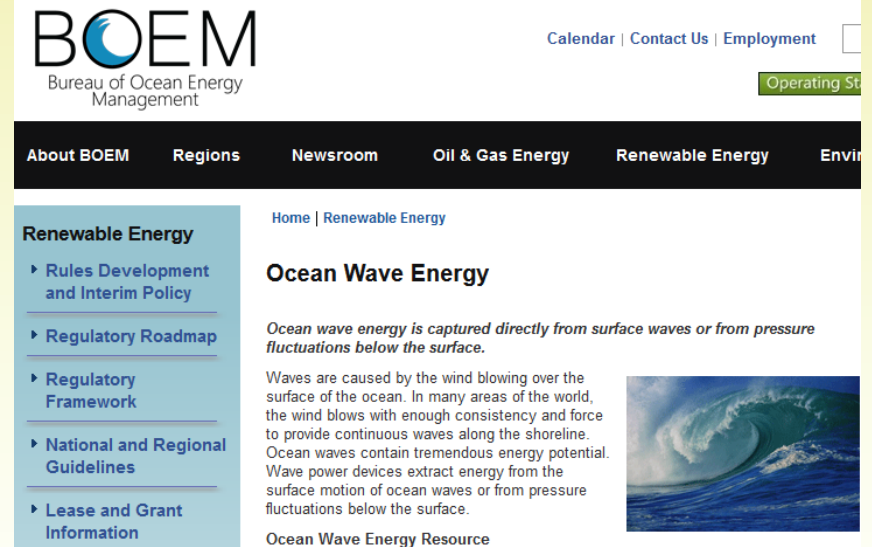
ES Home | About Us | Species | Wildlife & Habitat Conservation | Development

ES Home » Energy Development » Energy Technologies and Impacts – Hydrokinetic Energy

### Hydrokinetic Energy

Hydrokinetic energy is the energy generated by the movement of a body of water. The earth's tides, waves, ocean currents and free-flowing rivers contain an untapped, powerful, highly-concentrated and clean energy resource. Traditional hydropower (river dams and conduits) is also produced by moving water, but is described [here](#). A variety of hydrokinetic energy sources are described below.

**In-stream Hydrokinetic Energy:** In-stream hydrokinetic projects generate electricity directly from the flow of water in rivers, instead of using dams.



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### Renewable Energy

- Rules Development and Interim Policy
- Regulatory Roadmap
- Regulatory Framework
- National and Regional Guidelines
- Lease and Grant Information

### Ocean Wave Energy

Ocean wave energy is captured directly from surface waves or from pressure fluctuations below the surface.

Waves are caused by the wind blowing over the surface of the ocean. In many areas of the world, the wind blows with enough consistency and force to provide continuous waves along the shoreline. Ocean waves contain tremendous energy potential. Wave power devices extract energy from the surface motion of ocean waves or from pressure fluctuations below the surface.

Ocean Wave Energy Resource



# Electrical Energy

See a detailed definition of **electricity** in *The Gale Encyclopedia of Science*; also relevant and useful are **electricity** in *Energy: Supplies, Sustainability, and Costs*; **electricity** in *Energy: In Context*; and **electricity** in *Encyclopedia of Energy* (all CSU affiliates only); look for bibliographies in these resources.



United States Environmental Protection Agency

Environmental Topics | Laws & Regulations | About EPA | Search EPA.gov

## Energy and the Environment

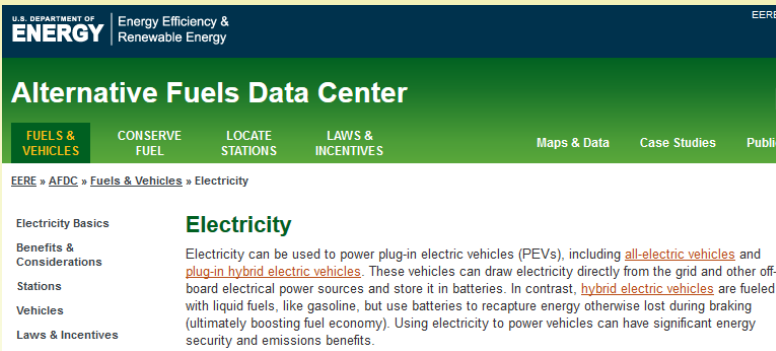
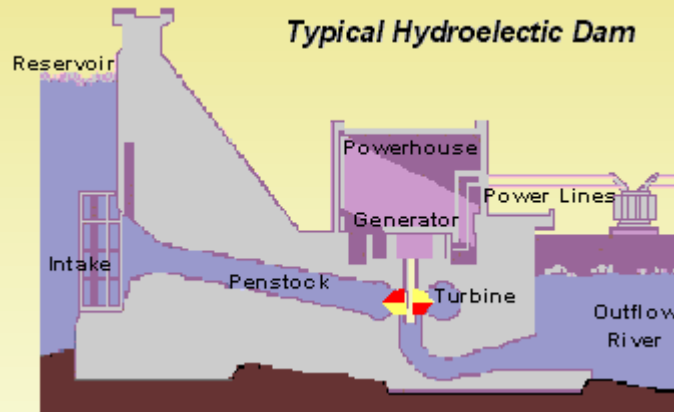
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# About the U.S. Electricity System and its Impact on the Environment

Learn about Energy & the Environment

The Electricity System



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY | Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy

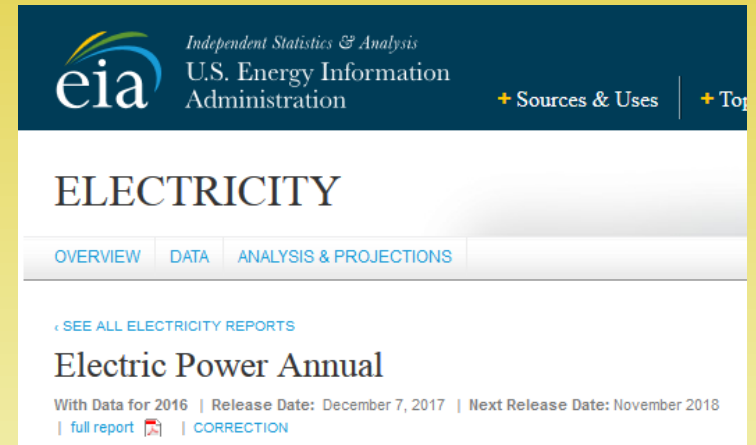
## Alternative Fuels Data Center

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### Electricity

Electricity can be used to power plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs), including **all-electric vehicles** and **plug-in hybrid electric vehicles**. These vehicles can draw electricity directly from the grid and other off-board electrical power sources and store it in batteries. In contrast, **hybrid electric vehicles** are fueled with liquid fuels, like gasoline, but use batteries to recapture energy otherwise lost during braking (ultimately boosting fuel economy). Using electricity to power vehicles can have significant energy security and emissions benefits.



Independent Statistics & Analysis

U.S. Energy Information Administration

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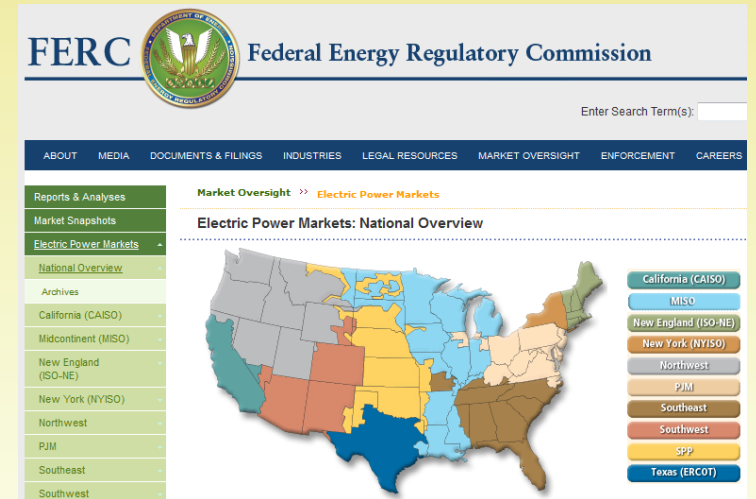
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SEE ALL ELECTRICITY REPORTS

## Electric Power Annual

With Data for 2016 | Release Date: December 7, 2017 | Next Release Date: November 2018

full report | CORRECTION



Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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Reports & Analyses

Market Snapshots

Electric Power Markets

National Overview

Archives

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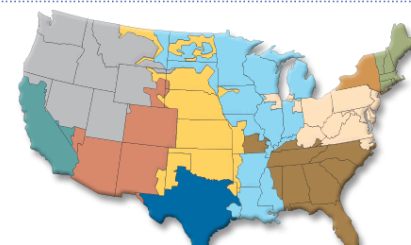
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SPP

Southwest

Texas (ERCOT)

### Electric Power Markets: National Overview



## Test your Power Grid IQ

Do you know your synchrophasors from your microgrids? Test your knowledge of the electric grid with our grid IQ test.

<https://www.energy.gov/maps/quiz-test-your-grid-iq>



# Wind Energy

Find an introduction to **wind energy in *Alternative Energy***. Find more on **wind energy in *Energy: In Context***, or **wind energy in *Environmental Encyclopedia***, or **wind energy in *Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability***. See also **wind energy in *Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Social Issues***. The bibliographies in these reference articles will also be useful.



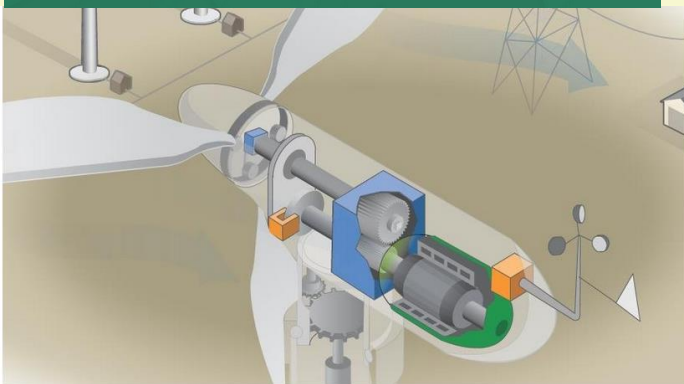
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People used wind energy to propel boats along the Nile River as early as 5,000 BC. By 200 BC, simple wind-powered water pumps were used in China, and windmills with woven-reed blades were grinding grain in Persia and the Middle East.

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The force of the wind can be converted into mechanical or electrical power. Find information about wind power technologies, research, policies and programs.



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## Wind Turbines: A Different Breed of Noise?

Nate Seltenrich

First Published: 1 January 2014 | Cited by: 3



# Nuclear Energy

Get an overview and information about nuclear energy in reference books: *Alternative Energy* (2006); *Energy: Supplies, Sustainability, and Costs* (2015); *Energy: In Context* (2016); *Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Social Issues* (2011); *Encyclopedia of Climate Change* (2016); *UXL Encyclopedia of U.S. History* (2009); *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History* (2011); and others. The bibliographies will also be useful, so do not overlook them.



## Glossary

See also the [Full-Text Glossary](#).

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### Nuclear Energy



Atoms are tiny particles that make up every object in the universe. The bonds that hold atoms together contain a huge amount of energy. When atoms are split apart, this energy can be used to make electricity. This process is called nuclear fission.

In a nuclear power plant, fission takes place inside a reactor. Most nuclear power plants use uranium as fuel because its atoms are easily split apart. Uranium is a metal found in rocks all over the world. Although uranium is not a renewable resource, fairly large quantities of it still exist, and it only takes a small amount to produce a lot of energy.

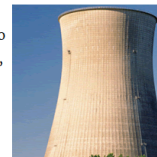
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## Homeland Security

### Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

From the power reactors that provide electricity to millions of Americans, to the medical isotopes used to treat cancer patients, the Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector covers most aspects of America's civilian nuclear infrastructure. The Nuclear Sector-Specific Agency within the Department of Homeland Security is responsible for coordinating the security and resilience of the Nuclear Sector.



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### Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear power plants produce electricity from the heat created by splitting uranium atoms.

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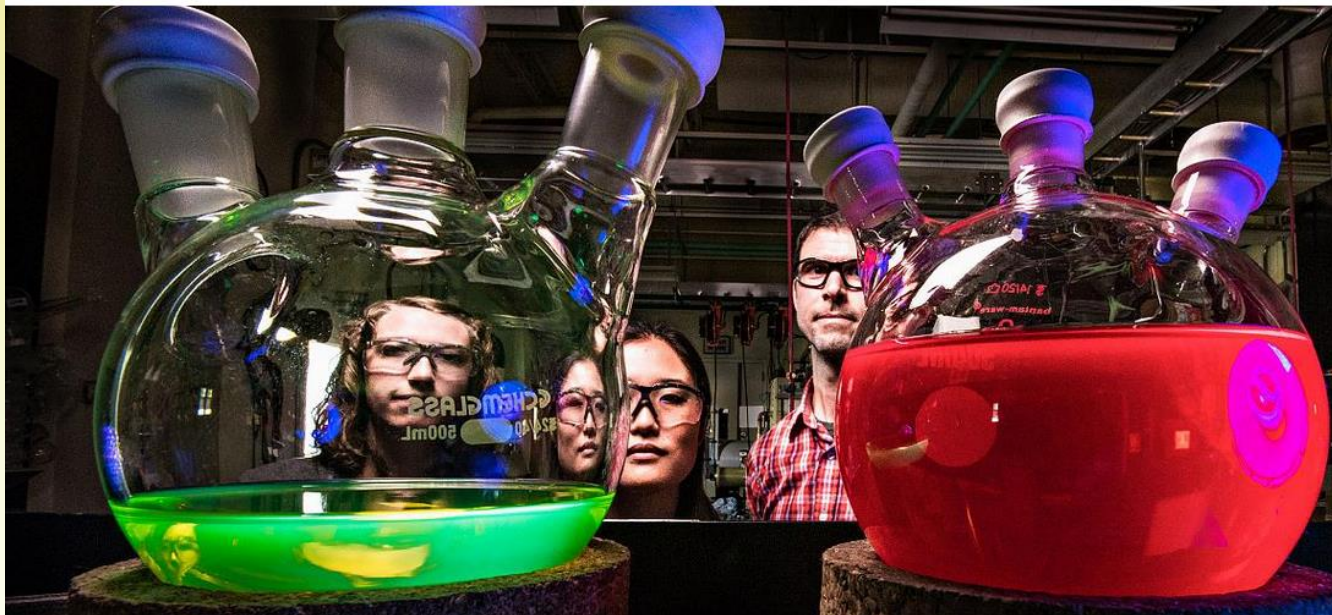
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# Chemical Energy

As a separate entity, there isn't a lot directly on chemical energy in government publications. However, there are a few useful items worth exploration.



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Answer the questions by clicking on any of the available buttons below each question.

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### 1. Why do mountain climbers use oxygen equipment at the top of the world's highest mountains?

- There is less oxygen in the air at great heights.
- There is little nitrogen in the air at great heights.
- There is a hole in the ozone layer.
- There is no air at the top of very high mountains.

### 2. What feature is shared by ALL insects?

- External skeleton
- Two pairs of wings
- Jumping legs
- Stinging mechanism

### 3. Which is an example of a chemical reaction?

- Water boiling
- Sugar dissolving
- Nails rusting
- Wax melting

### 4. Most of the chemical energy released when gasoline burns in a car engine is not used to move the car, but is changed into:

- electricity
- heat
- magnetism
- sound

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# Energy Consumption, Prices, Various

Read about **energy conservation** in Energy: Supplies, Sustainability, and Costs.



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Average Energy Prices for the U.S., regions, census divisions, and selected metropolitan areas

Gasoline, price per gallon

Area	Average price, all grades			Regular			Mid			Premium						
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New England			2.879	2.883			2.833	2.838			3.101	3.117			3.254	3.256
Boston		2.376	2.906	2.893		2.329	2.862	2.847		2.588	3.107	3.119		2.768	3.272	3.268
Middle Atlantic			3.010	3.013			2.958	2.961			3.252	3.255			3.447	3.454
New York		2.512	3.003	2.988		2.460	2.950	2.935		2.776	3.274	3.258		2.948	3.438	3.427
Philadelphia		2.533	2.986	2.973		2.461	2.931	2.916		2.791	3.279	3.270		2.954	3.448	3.441

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## Energy Price Indices and Discount Factors for Life-Cycle Cost Analysis – 2017 Annual Supplement to NIST Handbook 135

Priya D. Lavappa  
 Joshua D. Kneifel  
 Eric G. O'Rear

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## CONSUMPTION & EFFICIENCY

Energy consumption estimates by sector  
 trillion Btu

End-Use Sector	January to May	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Residential		9,485	8,496	8,547	9,462	9,943
Commercial		7,881	7,491	7,448	7,811	7,860
Industrial		13,467	12,972	13,020	13,127	13,106
Transportation		11,483	11,381	11,353	11,074	10,873
Primary Total		42,309	40,331	40,348	41,468	41,785

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, [Monthly Energy Review – Table 2.1](#)



29 datasets found

Monthly and Annual Energy Consumption by Sector 83 recent views

Department of Energy – Monthly data since January 1973 and annual data since 1949 on U.S. primary and total energy consumption by end-use sector (residential, commercial, industrial,...

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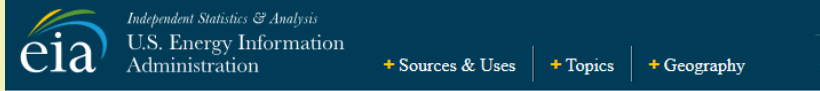


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## The Relationship Between Energy Prices and Food-Related Energy Use in the United States

by Patrick Canning and Sarah Rehkamp

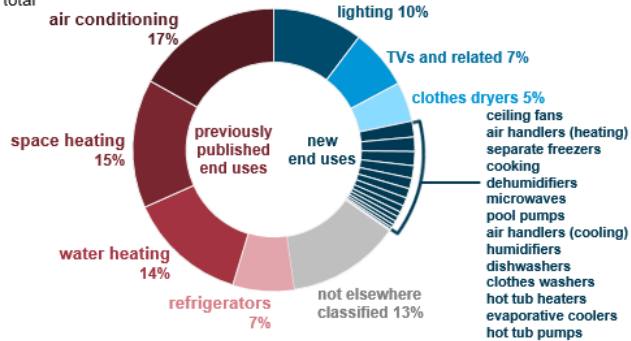


CONSUMPTION & EFFICIENCY

## RESIDENTIAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION SURVEY (RECS)

EIA's residential energy survey now includes estimates for more than 20 new end uses

Residential electricity consumption by end use, 2015  
percent of total



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2015 Residential Energy Consumption Survey

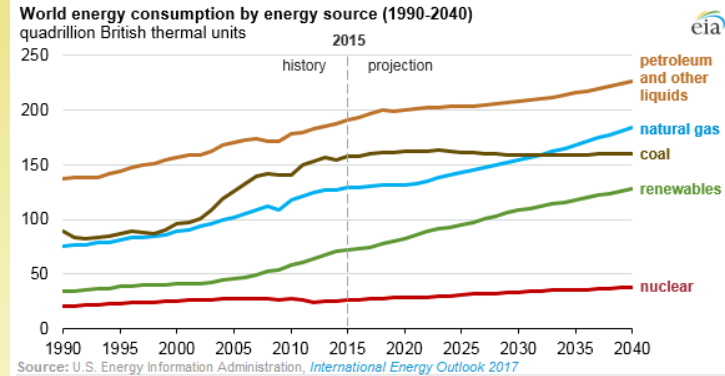
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## TODAY IN ENERGY

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### EIA projects 28% increase in world energy use by 2040



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *International Energy Outlook 2017*

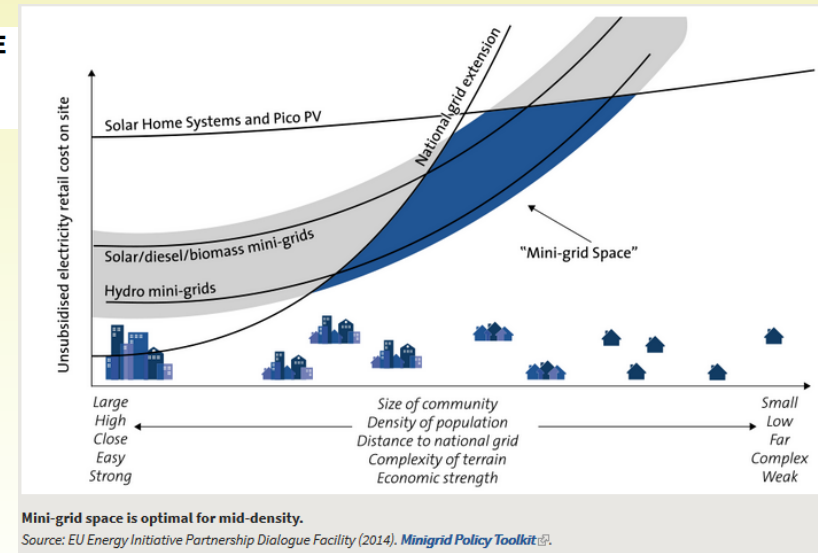


## WHEN ARE RENEWABLE ENERGY MINI-GRIDS MORE COST-EFFECTIVE THAN OTHER OPTIONS?

Short Answer



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# Energy Climate

Climate and energy, in brief.



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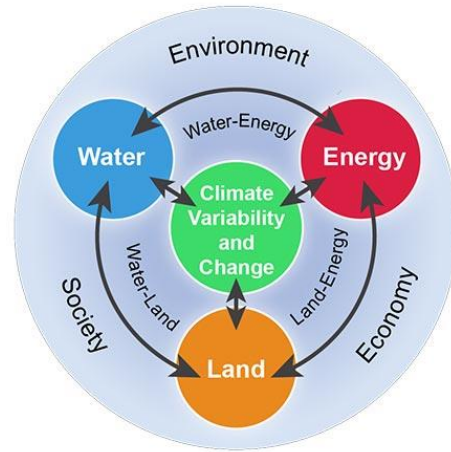
## Energy, Water, and Land Use

Climate change affects energy, water, and land use as well as the interactions among these sectors. The combination of these factors affects climate change vulnerability as well as adaptation and mitigation options.

Explore climate change impacts on the intersections of energy, water, and land use.

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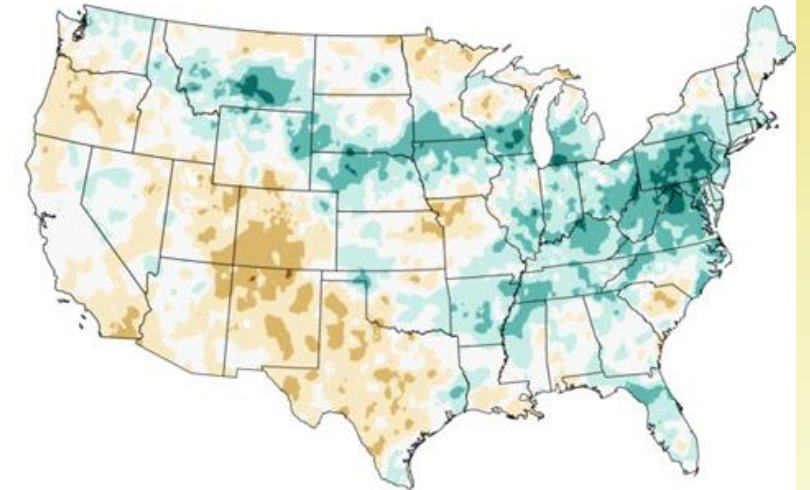
## Energy, Water, Land, and Climate Interactions



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## Key Message 1: Cascading Events

Energy, water, and land systems interact in many ways. Climate change affects the individual sectors and their interactions; the combination of these factors affects climate change vulnerability as well as adaptation and mitigation options for different regions of the country.



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## Agency Web Sites--Energy

- **Department of Energy (Energy.Gov)**  
A gateway for federal government resources dealing with energy.
- **Energy Information Administration**  
The EIA is the source for information and statistics on petroleum, oil, gasoline, natural gas, and many other energy related topics for US states and countries of the world.
- **Office of Scientific and Technical Information**  
OSTI is the research arm of DOE and a gateway for numerous databases pertaining to energy research.
- **Department of Energy - Solar Decathlon**  
Information about an "award-winning program that challenges collegiate teams to design, build, and operate solar-powered houses that are cost-effective, energy-efficient, and attractive."



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## Statistical Resources--Energy

- **Prices and Trends**  
A starting point for petroleum, gasoline, and diesel prices and data, as well as a gateway to other major statistical sources.
- **Annual Energy Outlook**  
Provides data and projections for the next 20 years. Annual issues are online from 1996 to the present. Print and microfiche annual copies from 1983 to 2002 can be found at E3.1/4 Doc.
- **Annual Energy Review**  
Compiles current and historical statistics, some back to 1949. Annual issues are online from 1995 to the present. Some tables are linked from the Monthly Energy Review. Print and microfiche copies from 1982 to 2003 can be found at the call number E3.1/2 Doc.
- **Monthly Energy Review**  
A publication of recent and historical energy statistics. This publication is online from 1993 to the present. Paper copies from 1974 to 2001 can be found at the call number E3.9 Doc. Full text available for 2000 to 2010 through Discovery using HD9564 .M66ej call number.
- **Country Analysis Briefs**  
Very useful for narrative and basic statistics on energy needs of countries and regions.
- **Petroleum Data Publications**  
A starting point for numerous statistical and analytical petroleum publications.
- **Fueleconomy.gov**  
Find automobile make and model mpg, fuel economy, energy impact, and carbon footprint as well as comparisons.
- **Energy Information Administration**  
The EIA is the source for information and statistics on petroleum, oil, gasoline, natural gas, and many other energy related topics for US states and countries of the world.



# Water

## How much water . . .

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How much water does it take to make a t-shirt?

- "it can take 2,700 liters to produce the cotton needed to make a single t-shirt."\* (That's 713 gallons!)
- See also "[Carbon Footprint of Textile](#) throughout its Life Cycle: A Case Study of Chinese Cotton Shirts." (CSU affiliates only)

How much water does the average person use at home per day?

- "Estimates vary, but each person uses about 80-100 gallons of water per day."†
- "The average American family of four uses 400 gallons of water per day."‡

What percentage of water is used for Agriculture in the United States?

- Agriculture accounts for "approximately 80 percent of the Nation's consumptive water use and over 90 percent in many Western States."‡

See also, "[Water Footprints of Nations: Water Use by People as a Function of their Consumption Pattern.](#)" in [Integrated Assessment of Water Resources and Global Change.](#) (2006) 35-48 and "[A Revised Approach to Water Footprinting](#) to Make Transparent the Impacts of Consumption and Production on Global Freshwater Scarcity." 2010 (both: CSU affiliates only).

• [The Impact of a Cotton T-Shirt & How Your T-Shirt Can Make a Difference.](#)

† [Water Questions and Answers.](#) The USGS Water Science School, and [U.S. Indoor Water Use.](#) WaterSense. EPA.

‡ [Irrigation & Water Use.](#) U.S. Department of Agriculture. Economic Research Service.



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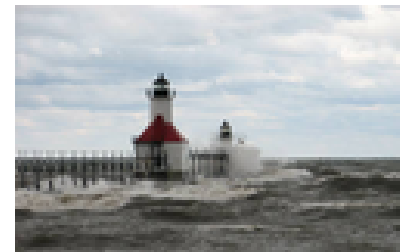
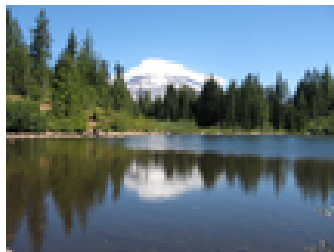
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# Water--Introduction

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Water. Without water there would be no life on Earth as we know it. Two-thirds of the planet is covered with water. What is it? According to *The Gale Encyclopedia of Science*\* it is a chemical compound with one oxygen atom bonded to two hydrogen atoms; it is "odorless, tasteless, transparent liquid that appears colorless but is actually very pale blue"; it has a high boiling point; it has three states: solid (ice), liquid, and gaseous (steam).



Government documents lend themselves excellently to the topic of water. Water is important in the political arena. Society and individuals have a vested interest in an adequate supply of fresh, clean, and uncontaminated water. Water is needed to grow **food**. Dirty water (sewage, remains from industry--including agriculture) needs to be disposed of in a manner that does not harm humans, animals, fish, birds, plants--which is to say pretty much anything and everything that is alive on Earth. Of course, this view of water disposal is a relatively new one, but historical incidents have amply demonstrated the danger of simply dumping contaminated water wherever it is convenient.



# About Water

**How Much Water Is There On, In, and above the Earth?** USGS Water Science School.

Answers the questions! Learn about different kinds of water.



## The USGS Water Science School


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### How much water is there on, in, and above the Earth?

The Earth is a watery place. But just how much water exists on, in, and above our planet? About 71 percent of the Earth's surface is water-covered, and the [oceans](#) hold about 96.5 percent of all Earth's water. Water also exists in the air as [water vapor](#), in [rivers](#) and [lakes](#), in icecaps and [glaciers](#), in the ground as soil moisture and in [aquifers](#), and even in you and your dog.

Water is never sitting still. Thanks to the [water cycle](#), our planet's water supply is constantly moving from one place to another and from one form to another. Things would get pretty stale without the water cycle!

 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

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## Let's Talk about Water Water is Remarkable!

Water is one of the most amazing substances on our planet. Did you know that every single living thing needs water? It is in each of the cells in our bodies and in the bodies of all plants, animals and other creatures. Water is special because it can mix with many different liquids and solids. Its ability to stay warm for a long time makes it special too. This helps keep the temperature inside our bodies around 98 degree Fahrenheit. It also helps keep the temperature in oceans, lakes and rivers from changing very quickly.



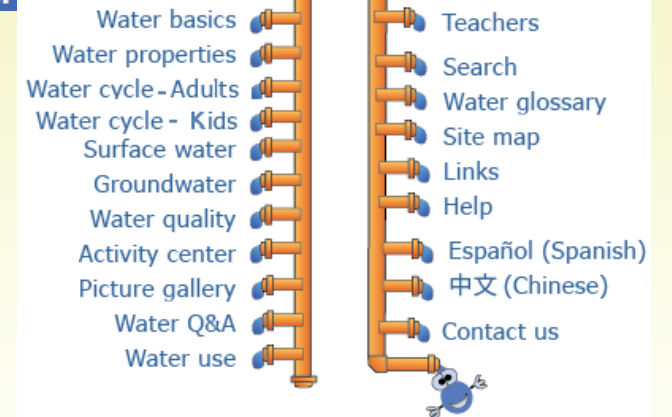
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### Earth's Water

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- ◆ Glaciers and icecaps
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### Water Topics



# Water Resources Archive

Water as a resource in Colorado and the American West has a lengthy history. **Colorado territory** was created on February 28, 1861. Given that water in the semi-arid region was (and is) going to be precious, water rights and laws became (and still are) a major concern.



The Colorado State University Water Resources Archive is a joint effort of the **University Libraries** and the **Colorado Water Institute**. The Archive consists of **collections** from individuals and organizations that have been instrumental in the development of water resources in Colorado and the West.

Subject areas include water resources management, engineering, law and legislation, endangered species, and more. Geographic coverage focuses on Colorado but extends across the American West and around the world.

Document types range from meeting minutes, reports, and correspondence to maps, photographs, and audiotapes. These primary materials relate to all aspects of water in Colorado and to contributions made by Coloradoans to water activities.

The Water Resources Archive actively **acquires** new collections, **digitizes** materials, and **assists** researchers. **Donations** greatly assist in making Colorado's historical water documents available to all.



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# Drinking Water Safety

**Drinking water** is used in the United States for many things that go beyond drinking it: "other uses include toilet flushing, bathing, cooking, cleaning, and lawn watering." **Drinking water treatment** discusses how water is made safe for public consumption—something which varies from community to community and property to property (e.g. wells).



## Healthy Water Topics

- DRINKING WATER
- HEALTHY SWIMMING
- WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE
- GLOBAL WATER, SANITATION, & HYGIENE (WASH)
- WASH-RELATED EMERGENCIES & OUTBREAKS
- OTHER USES OF WATER




## Protect Food and Water During Hurricanes and Other Storms



## Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) is the federal law that protects public drinking water supplies throughout the nation. Under the SDWA, EPA sets standards for drinking water quality and with its partners implements various technical and financial programs to ensure drinking water safety.

- The Law
- Regulatory Programs

 **Boiling tap water does not get rid of radioactive material.** You should have bottled water in your emergency supplies.

# Recreational Water Safety

"Recreation in and on Freshwaters" and "Recreation in and on the Oceans" describe **recreational uses of water.**\* Take note that there are also **dangerous waters.**

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### **Wearing a Life Jacket Can Save Your Life**

To ensure you survive unexpected slips or falls overboard drown and on average it takes 10 minutes for a strong swimmer to reach the shore. Great information on life jackets can be found at [www.usace.army.mil](http://www.usace.army.mil)

### **Never Exceed Your Swimming Abilities or Swim Alone**

Regardless of how well you swim you could have to fight to stay afloat when you encounter the unexpected. Remember your swimming abilities are not the same as a professional swimmer's.

### **Alcohol and Water are a Deadly Combination**

When underwater and under the influence of alcohol or drugs, you may not know which way is up. Also, boaters can develop "boater's drunks" which can impair their reaction time. Combining that condition with alcohol or drugs can be deadly.



## Water Safety: Rivers and Streams

### Be Aware of Hazards

Be cautious anytime you or your family are near rivers and streams. Consider these precautions as spring snow melts and rivers and streams rise. Also be cautious when waters appear warm or slow moving, but actually have strong and sometimes dangerous currents below the surface.

- **Water Temperature:** Air temperatures may feel hot and the water may feel or appear warm, but temperatures can be extremely cold below the surface. Hypothermia can quickly set in and overwhelm even the strongest of swimmers, becoming too weak to escape.
- **Currents:** In as little as six inches, water that may look calm on the surface and slow-moving can have enough force to knock you off your feet and sweep you downstream. Even a slow current can take you where you don't want to go, towards hazards, and leave strong swimmers unable to reach the shore.
- **Water Hazards:** A slippery and uneven river bottom combined with the stream's current can suddenly sweep you off your feet. Debris and underwater features such as trees, branches and logs, and even narrow gaps between rocks can trap you under water, causing hypothermia or even death.



# Water Safety

## Travel (focus on international) Drinking Water Safety

Eat	Drink
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Food that is cooked and served hot</li><li>• Food from sealed packages</li><li>• Hard-cooked eggs</li><li>• Fruits and vegetables you have washed in safe water or peeled yourself</li><li>• Pasteurized dairy products</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water, sodas, or sports drinks that are bottled and sealed (carbonated is safer)</li><li>• Water that has been disinfected (boiled, filtered, treated)</li><li>• Ice made with bottled or disinfected water</li><li>• Hot coffee or tea</li><li>• Pasteurized milk</li></ul>

### Don't Eat

- Food served at room temperature
- Food from street vendors
- Raw or soft-cooked (runny) eggs
- Raw or undercooked (rare) meat or fish
- Unwashed or unpeeled raw fruits and vegetables
- Condiments (such as salsa) made with fresh ingredients
- Salads
- Flavored ice or popsicles
- Unpasteurized dairy products
- Bushmeat (monkeys, bats, or other wild game)

### Don't Drink

- Tap or well water
- Fountain drinks
- Ice made with tap or well water
- Drinks made with tap or well water (such as reconstituted juice)
- Unpasteurized milk



# Water and Health

Read about **Human health and water\*** for a quick summary of the topic.



## Water & Nutrition

### Healthy Water Sites

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  - [Other Uses of Water](#)
  - [WASH-related Emergencies & Outbreaks](#)
  - [Water, Sanitation, & Environmentally-related Hygiene](#)

### Water helps your body:

- Keep your temperature normal
- Lubricate and cushion joints
- Protect your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues
- Get rid of wastes through urination, perspiration, and bowel movements

### Your body needs more water when you are:

- In hot climates
- More physically active
- Running a fever
- Having diarrhea or vomiting



## Drinking Water Contaminant Human Health Effects Information

### On this page:

- [Drinking Water Standards and Advisory Tables](#)
- [Human Health Benchmarks for Pesticides](#)
- [Human Health and Drinking Water Advisory Documents for Chemical Contaminants](#)
- [Regulatory Support Documents for Chemical Contaminants](#)
- [Human Health and Drinking Water Advisory Documents for Microbial Contaminants](#)
- [Fluoride Risk Assessment and Relative Source Contribution](#)

You may need a PDF reader to view some of the files on this page. See [EPA's About PDF page](#) to learn more.



# Water Conservation

"Water conservation is the use and management of water for the good of all consumers. It is used in agriculture, industry, and the home." CSU affiliates may read a selection of encyclopedia definitions of water

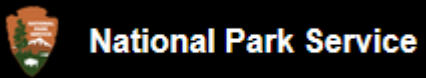
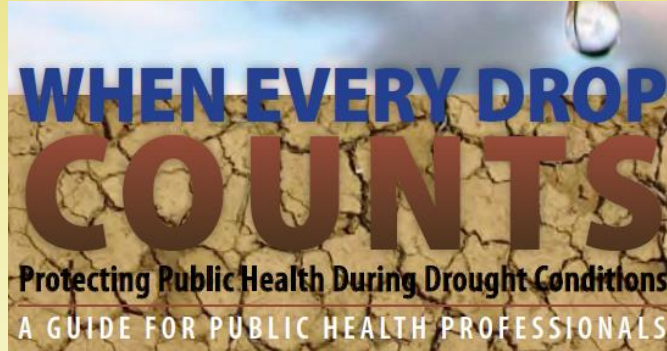
Green Jobs: Water Conservation



## Careers in Water Conservation

James Hamilton

September 2013 — Report 12



## Land and Water Conservation Fund

### Protecting Lands and Giving Back to Communities

*The Land and Water Conservation Fund was established by Congress in 1964 to fulfill a bipartisan commitment to safeguard our natural areas, water resources and cultural heritage, and to provide recreation opportunities to all Americans. Using zero taxpayer dollars, the fund invests earnings from offshore oil and gas leasing to help strengthen communities, preserve our history and protect our national endowment of lands and waters. The LWCF program can be divided into the "State Side" which provides grants to State and local governments, and the "Federal Side" which is used to acquire lands, waters, and interests therein necessary to achieve the natural, cultural, wildlife, and recreation management objectives of federal land management agencies.*



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Secretary Ben Carson

## Resources - Water Conservation

### Water Conservation

#### Multifamily Housing Water Conservation Manual

Produced by the City of Portland (Oregon), this manual focuses on helping multifamily f directed toward property managers and maintenance staff and discusses many of the w complexes. However, anyone living within a multifamily housing setting can benefit from i savings.

#### Overview of Retrofit Strategies: A Guide for Apartment Owners and Managers

HUD and the Partnership for Advancing Technology in Housing (PATH) have published t multi-family properties address these challenges through water conservation. This publi managers may use to conserve water, with approaches requiring modest investment an a non-technical manner, owners and managers will be able to select the most appropria situation.



Natural Resources Conservation Service

United States Department of Agriculture

### Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act (RCA)

# RCA Appraisal

## Soil and Water Resources Conservation Act



## Water Rights



National Park Service



Water Resources Division

## Water Law

### Background

The National Park Service (NPS) seeks to protect and conserve surface waters and groundwaters in park units as integral components of water and land ecosystems. The Water Rights Program and Branch (WRB) in the Water Resources Division was established in 1985 and provides staff expertise and resources to effectively address water-quantity and water-right issues for NPS units throughout the United States. The program secures and protects water rights, flows, and lake and groundwater levels for the preservation and management of the national park system through all available local, state, and federal authorities.

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# Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs Water Rights Act

H.R. \_\_, Water Rights Protection Act (Discussion Draft)

**Statement for the Record**  
**U.S. Department of the Interior**  
**Before the**  
**Water, Power, and Oceans Subcommittee**  
**Committee on Natural Resources**  
**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**HR\_\_ (Discussion Draft) the Water Rights Protection Act**

May 18, 2017

### **Water Rights**

Water rights vary from place to place. The focus here will be on Colorado.

# Water Use

**How We Use Water.** WaterSense EPA (Archive).

Topics covered are: The Water Around Us; Water in Daily Life; Understanding your Own Water Use; Commercial, Industrial, Agricultural & Electricity Water Use; Communities Face Challenges to Meet Demand; Droughts Create Stress; and Less Water Affects the Environment.

## How We Use Water




The Earth might seem like it has abundant water, but in fact less than 1 percent is available for human use. The rest is either salt water found in oceans, fresh water frozen in the polar ice caps, or too inaccessible for practical usage. While population and demand on freshwater resources are increasing, supply will always remain constant. And although it's true that the water cycle continuously returns water to Earth, it is not always returned to the same place, or in the same quantity and quality.




### Water Use in the United States Water Use Overviews

#### Total Water Use

 [Total water use](#): Estimated total water use for all categories and sources by State.


[→ More](#)

#### Surface Water and Groundwater Use

 [Surface Water](#) and [Groundwater Use](#): Water-use estimates for groundwater and surface water by State

State

#### Trends in Water Use

 [Trends](#): How water use is changing over time, starting with the initial USGS estimates for 1950.

[→ More](#)



### The USGS Water Science School

#### Water Questions & Answers

#### How much water does the average person use at home per day?

##### Typical water use at home

<b>Bath</b>	A "full tub" varies, of course, but 36 gallons is good average. <b>Tip:</b> Taking a shower instead of a bath should save a good amount of water.
<b>Shower</b>	Old showers used to use up to 5 gallons of water per minute, but newer showers use about 2 gallons per minute. <b>Tip:</b> Taking a shorter shower using a low-flow showerhead can save a lot of water.
<b>Teeth brushing</b>	<1 gallon. Newer bath faucets use about 1 gallon per minute. <b>Tip:</b> Simply turn the faucet off when brushing teeth.
<b>Hands/face washing</b>	1 gallon <b>Tip:</b> Simply turn the faucet off before drying your hands. Don't run the faucet until it gets hot before using it. Installing a low-flow faucet can reduce water flow rate.
<b>Face/leg shaving</b>	1 gallon <b>Tip:</b> Simply turn the faucet off when shaving.
<b>Dishwasher</b>	6-16 gallons. Newer, EnergyStar models use 6 gallons or less per cycle, whereas older models might use up to 16 gallons per cycle. <b>Tip:</b> EnergyStar dishwashers not only save a lot of water, they also save energy.
<b>Dish washing by hand:</b>	About 8-27 gallons. This all depends on how efficient you are. Older faucets use about 1.5-2 gallons per minutes, whereas older faucets use about 1.5-2 gallons per minutes, whereas older faucets use about 1.5-2 gallons per minutes.



# Water and Agriculture

Agriculture uses the majority of fresh water in the United States.

## Agriculture

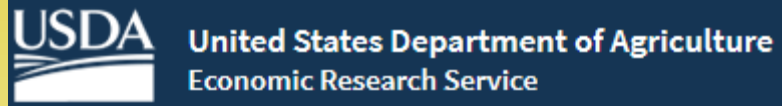
Climate disruptions to agriculture have increased. Many regions will experience declines in crop and livestock production from increased stress due to weeds, diseases, insect pests, and other climate change induced stresses.

Explore impacts to agriculture.

**CDC** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

## What is agricultural water?

Agricultural water is water that is used to grow fresh produce and sustain livestock. The use of agricultural water makes it possible to grow fruits and vegetables and raise livestock, which is a main part of our diet. Agricultural water is used for irrigation, [pesticide](#) and [fertilizer applications](#), crop cooling (for example, light irrigation), and frost control. According to the United States Geological Survey (USGS), water used for irrigation accounts for nearly 65 percent of the world's freshwater withdrawals excluding thermoelectric power (1). There are 330 million acres of land used for agricultural purposes in the United States that produce an abundance of food and other products (2).



## Irrigation & Water Use

Agriculture is a major user of ground and surface water in the United States, accounting for approximately 80 percent of the Nation's consumptive water use and over 90 percent in many Western States. Efficient irrigation systems and water management practices can help maintain farm profitability in an era of increasingly limited and more costly water supplies. Improved onfarm water



### Soil Moisture Data and Tools

#### Crop Moisture Index



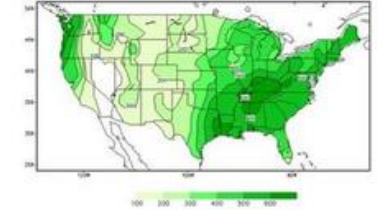
Weekly measurement of short-term needs vs. available water (dry to wet).

#### Topsoil Moisture Monitoring



(Click for actual conditions)

#### Soil Moisture



(Click for actual conditions daily and monthly, as well as seasonal anomalies)

## Water And Agriculture Information Center

**Water and Agriculture Information Center (WAIC)** provides electronic access to information on water and agriculture. The center collects, organizes, and communicates the scientific findings, educational methodologies, and public policy issues related to water and agriculture.





## Aquaculture

**Aquaculture: Fisheries.** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. NOAA.

Overview, regulation & policy, science & technology, regional activities, international collaboration, and more.

**Aquaculture Research Programs.** USDA.

Research programs, data and statistics, market trends, monitoring, and resources.

**Aquaculture Water Use.** USGS.

Use by location (state) in the United States.



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



## Hydroponics

**Hydroponics. Alternative Farming Systems Information Center.** USDA. National Library of Medicine

"Hydroponics, or growing plants in a nutrient solution root medium, is a growing area of commercial food production and also is used for home food production by hobbyists. Learn about the state-of-the-art techniques for producing food in a controlled, soilless setting." Link to sites and documents on the topic.

**Hydroponics: A Better Way to Grow Food.** National Park Service.

Benefits, types, how to incorporate into concession food operations, and more.



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## Hydroponics: A Better Way to Grow Food

When you think about the produce grown for concession food service operations, do you picture acres of open fields, rows of tilled soil, and seedlings lining the tops of the mounds? While much of the world's fruits and vegetables are grown this way, there are other ways to grow produce without large amounts of land — and even without soil!



# Water--Power from

Using water for power has a long history. "[Power for Technology: Water](#)" gives examples from the medieval time period.

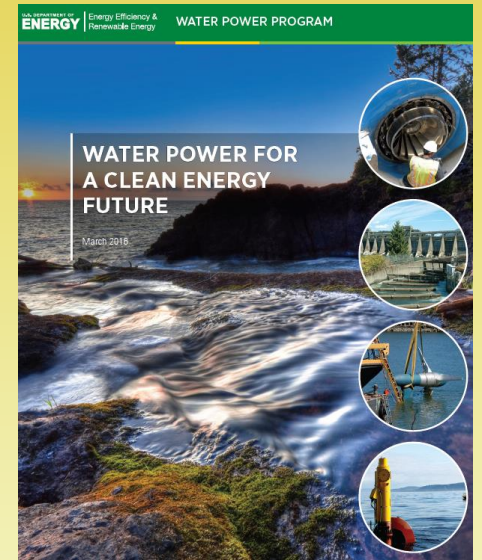
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## 5 Promising Water Power Technologies

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Water Power Projects Across the United States >



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Home | Water Basics | Water Properties | Water Cycle (Adults)

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### Hydroelectric power water use



## a student's guide to GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

### Water Energy

If you've ever stood in a fast-moving stream, under a waterfall, or on the ocean shore as waves come crashing in, then you've felt the power of the water. The energy from moving water can be used to create electricity in several different ways. For example:



- **A hydroelectric dam** captures energy from the movement of a river. Dam operators control the flow of water and the amount of electricity produced. Dams create reservoirs (large bodies of calm water) behind them, which can be used for recreation, wildlife sanctuaries, and sources of drinking water.
- **Wave power** captures energy from waves on the surface of the ocean using a special buoy or other floating device.
- **Tidal power** captures the energy of flowing waters with the help of turbines as tides rush in and out of coastal areas.

Solar Energy  
Wind Energy  
**Water Energy**  
Nuclear Energy  
Geothermal Energy  
Biomass Energy  
Methane Capture and Use  
Carbon Capture and Underground Storage  
Green Vehicles  
Energy-Efficient Buildings



# Water--City Utilities, State Plans (examples)

## Colorado

### Colorado's Water Plan.

The plan, delivered in November 2015, was "developed in order to ensure the state's most valuable resource is protected and available for generations to come." Governor Hickenlooper issued a **proclamation declaring November 16 as Colorado's Water Implementation Day.** Click on The Plan to read it (entire, executive summary, or by chapter).

### Boulder Water Utilities Division. City of Boulder Colorado.

Covers "Water, Wastewater, Stormwater, and Flood Management." Drinking water has multiple sections. Water education has information on the history of water in Boulder (beginning in 1859) as well as other topics.

### Denver Water. Denver, Colorado

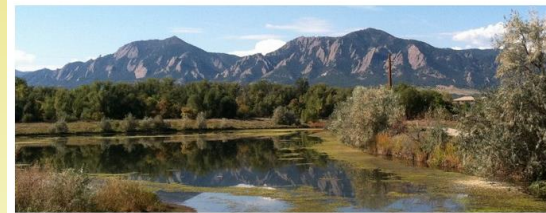
Sections at top of page as of late Nov. 2016 are: Water Service & Support; Billing & Rates; Conservation; Water Quality; Supply & Planning; Recreation:Construction Projects; and Education & Outreach. Foot of page includes Operating Rules and Engineering Standards.

### Water. Fort Collins Utilities. Fort Collins, Colorado.

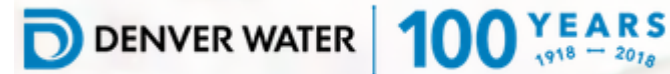
Information on water quality, treatment, supply & demand, distribution, drought, and more.

# COLORADO'S WATER PLAN

## BOULDER WATER UTILITIES DIVISION



Water, Wastewater, Stormwater and Flood Management



# Colorado Water

## USGS Current Water Data for Colorado. USGS.

Daily streamflow conditions for Colorado stations with at least 30 years of record. Build a custom table, see Colorado streamflow, precipitation, groundwater, lakes and reservoir, water-quality, and meteorological tables, daily stage, streamflow, and stage & streamflow.

**USGS**  
science for a changing world

**National Water Information System: Web Interface**

[USGS Water Resources](#)

Data Category:  Geographic Area:

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## USGS Current Water Data for Colorado

Geographic Area:

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**Water and Growth.** Amy Zimmer. Colorado State Publications Library ([blog entry 6-27-2018](#)):

Colorado [Water Plan](#) (2015). The nearly 600-page document discusses the supply and demand challenges for each of Colorado's seven basins and how the state is planning to address future need.

Here are some other helpful publications that address the issues of water supply and population growth in the Front Range:

- [Agricultural/Urban/Environmental Water Sharing: Innovative Strategies for the Colorado River Basin and the West](#). Colorado Water Institute (Colorado State University), 2011.
- [Agricultural Water Conservation in the Colorado River Basin](#). Colorado Water Institute (Colorado State University), 2017.
- [Citizen's Guide to Where Your Water Comes From](#). Colorado Foundation for Water Education, 2005.
- [Colorado Climate Plan](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board, 2018. Includes chapter on water supply and demand.
- [Colorado River Main Stem Drought & Water Supply Assessment Basin Summary](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board, 2006.
- [Colorado River Water Availability Study Phase I Report](#). Colorado Water Conservation Board, 2012.



# Mapped Box Entries

## Water Information and Data and Water Quality:

- **Annual Water Data Reports**

View current and historical streamflow, groundwater level, and water-quality data. Reports for Water Year 2006 to present.

## Water and Dams--Colorado

- **Big Thompson Watershed**

Links to data and other information about this watershed region.

- **Cache La Poudre Watershed**

Links to data and other information about this watershed region.

## Water Resources--Bureau of Reclamation

- **Bureau of Reclamation Water Operations**

Useful information arranged by region, although data and statistics vary.

## Dams, Reservoirs, Projects--Army Corps of Engineers

- **Divisions and Districts**

This site map is an entry point for the individual divisions and districts and their projects.

- **Major Dams of the United States**

This map layer portrays major dams of the United States, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Water Resources--EPA

- **Learn about Water**

Links to several resources pertaining to water. Some of the broad topics include drinking water, water bodies, wastewater, and water quality.

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# Identify Opportunities

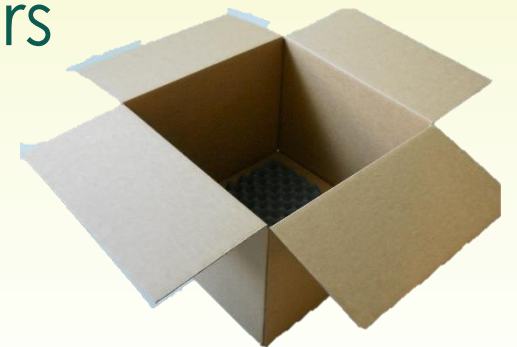
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# Create a Guide

- Introduce the topic
- Link to government sites and pages
- Essential—**annotate!**
  - Describe content—what's in there
    - Photos? MSS? Bibliography? Range of years covered? PDFs? Is it an overview?



# Introduce the Topic

## Food--Introduction

**Food** is necessary for life. Its abundance, sufficiency, or lack thereof has a direct impact on whether animals live or die. Dietary needs vary, even among **mammals**. There are herbivores who are **herbivorous**, **carnivores**, and **omnivores**. Humans attribute a lot to food and have spent either their entire lives looking for it (even today, called food insecurity), or, having sufficient food for survival (**food security**), have explored other avenues of thought—art, music, architecture, sport, philosophy, literature, etc. Wars have been fought over access to food. **Myth and legend** from multiple cultures include food. **Staples** make up the mainstay of people's diets (and vary from culture to culture, family, and person to person). **Eating habits** explore why and how people eat and drink. Thus, there are multiple subtopics to explore on the topic of food.



## Water--Introduction

Water. Without water there would be no life on Earth as we know it. Two-thirds of the planet is covered with water. What is it? According to *The Gale Encyclopedia of Science* it is a chemical compound with one oxygen atom bonded to two hydrogen atoms; it is "odorless, tasteless, transparent liquid that appears colorless but is actually very pale blue"; it has a high boiling point; it has three states: solid (ice), liquid, and gaseous (steam).

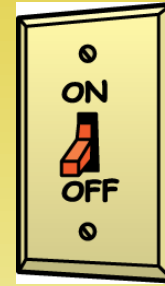
## Energy--Introduction

There are many different types of energy--and a number of ways to create or produce it. There is solar, electrical, kinetic, thermal, geothermal, bond (chemical bond between atoms), and more. It is measured in more than one way. There are social and political aspects of energy. Who controls it? Who has access to it? Who pays for it? Are there waste products affiliated with it? (E.g. coal burning and the pollution it generates.) Find a variety of definitions and descriptions on energy in the reference books found in *Gale Virtual Reference Library* and elsewhere.





# Annotations—Essential!



**Agriculture Water: What is Agriculture Water?** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).


Sections on: What is agricultural water?; Why should I be concerned?; and Where does agricultural water come from?

**Geothermal Energy. Tracer Bullet 07-1.** Science Reference Services. Library of Congress.

Scope; Introductions to the Topic; Subject Headings; Basic Texts; Specialized Titles; Conference Proceedings; Selected Technical Reports and Government Publications; Standards and Guidelines; Dissertations; Representative Journal Articles; Selected Materials; Selected Internet Resources; and more. Use for identifying additional materials on this topic.

**Water Energy: A Student's Guide to Global Climate Change.**

Defines three different types of water power—hydroelectric, wave power, tidal power. Diagram of a hydroelectric dam.

**Thermal Energy Conversions: Technical Reference**  . ENERGY STAR (R) Portfolio Manager. EPA.

7 page document with information on delivery of thermal energy described in various units (kBtu or GJ). Figures show: overview of processes; quick reference multipliers; and conversion factors to kBtu by meter type for U.S. and Canada. Meter types include natural gas, diesel, kerosene, coals, wood, and others.

**Department of Energy.**

Science & innovation; energy economy, security & safety; save energy, save money. Energy news, blog podcast, twitter. Also resources.

**Capturing the Motion of the Ocean: Wave Energy Explained.** July 6, 2015. Department of Energy. Energy.gov

Describes the amount of water on our planet and how it is in motion all of the time. Challenges of using this energy. Prototype wave energy converter.



**Transportation Energy Data Book.** Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

Quick facts; twelve chapters on various forms of transport, 3 appendices, a glossary (18 pdf pages), and useful Web sites. PDF version of edition 36 has 400 pages.



# Tip: Take Direct Quotes from Sites

## Water Topics: The USGS Water Science School. USGS.

School has "information on many aspects of water, along with pictures, data, maps, and an interactive center where you can give opinions and test your water knowledge." Water Basics discusses Earth's water, water properties, hydroelectricity, using water, saline water, and more. Water Q&A answers a variety of questions. Sections in Spanish (e.g. El agua de la tierra) and Chinese (e.g. 介绍·水循环).

## The Energy Data Initiative. Data.gov

"The goal of the Energy Data Initiative is to fuel entrepreneurs with newly available and previously untapped data—both government and non-government data—to spur new products and services that help American families and businesses save money on utility bills and at the pump, protect the environment, and ensure a safe and reliable energy future." Updates, data (over 245 datasets as of April 2018), and apps.

## Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water. Ground Water and Drinking Water. Environmental Protection Agency. (Archive.)

"EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood. Lead is harmful to health, especially for children." Information about how lead gets into drinking water and what you can do about it.

## Solar Energy Technology Office. U.S. Department of Energy.

"The U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO) supports early-stage research and development to improve the affordability, reliability, and performance of solar technologies on the grid. The office invests in innovative research efforts that securely integrate more solar energy into the grid, enhance the use and storage of solar energy, and lower solar electricity costs."

## Water and Agriculture Information Center (WAIC). USDA.

WAIC "provides electronic access to information on water and agriculture. The center collects, organizes, and communicates the scientific findings, educational methodologies, and public policy issues related to water and agriculture." Search

the site.  

(Use quotation marks to cite properly.)



# Integrate Gov Info



- Into as many guides as possible
- Along with other relevant (non-gov) items
- Make it locally relevant (State or City sites on the topic)
- Keep an eye out for new/additional resources after “finished” (which is never)



# Get a Bit Long Winded?

- Include a Table of Contents

## Energy: Table of Contents

### Table of Contents for Energy

- [Energy–Introduction](#)
- [Energy–Information from Various Governmental Sites](#)
- [Solar Energy](#)
- [Thermal/Geothermal Energy](#)
- [Radiant/Electromagnetic Energy](#)
- [Kinetic/Motion/Hydrokinetic Energy](#)
- [Electrical Energy](#)
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- [Statistical Resources–Energy](#)

## Table of Contents for Water



### Sections on this page are:

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- [Water–Power from](#)
- [Water–City Utilities, State Plans \(examples\)](#)
- [Colorado Water](#)
- [Water Information and Data and Water Quality \(includes Colorado Specific\) \(mapped\)](#)
- [Water Resources–Bureau of Reclamation \(mapped\)](#)
- [Water Resources–EPA \(mapped\)](#)
- [Water and Dams–Colorado \(mapped\)](#)
- [Dams, Reservoirs, Projects–Army Corps of Engineers \(mapped\)](#)
- [Water–Articles on Various Topics](#)
- [Water–Identifying Books](#)
- [Water on Other Planets \(Just for Fun–or Another Topic to Explore\)](#)



# Audience Easily Diverted?

- Add images
- US Gov sites are a good place to look for royalty-free images
- Nevertheless, check for copyright ©
- And don't overdo it as I did here (on purpose)
- I hope I didn't accidentally use any © images! (Will remove stat if informed.)



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# For example 1 (relevant images):

## Drinking Water Safety

**Drinking water** is used in the United States for many things that go beyond drinking it: "other uses include toilet flushing, bathing, cooking, cleaning, and lawn watering." **Drinking water treatment** discusses how water is made safe for public consumption—something which varies from community to community and property to property (e.g. wells).



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"EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) agree that there is no known safe level of lead in a child's blood. Lead is harmful to health, especially for children." Information about how lead gets into drinking water and what you can do about it.

**Drinking Water FAQ.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Answers to common questions—where drinking water comes from, health issues related to water, contaminants tested for, amount of time to boil water to disinfect it (note: longer for altitudes above 2000 meters/6561 feet), and wells. A **FEMA fact sheet water safety** has a longer boiling time recommendation. Also note: "**Boiling tap water does not get ride of radioactive material.**"

**Food and Water Safety During Hurricanes, Power Outages, and Floods** U.S. Food and Drug Administration. PDF.

Two page quick summary of "What Consumers Need to Know" in an emergency situation.

**Global Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene (GWASH)** Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

"Global access to safe water, adequate sanitation, and proper hygiene education can reduce illness and death from disease, leading to improved health, poverty reduction, and socio-economic development. However, many countries are challenged to provide these basic necessities to their populations, leaving people at risk for water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)-related diseases. Information for specific groups: public, public health and medical professionals, and travelers. Publications, data & statistics that "focus on global water, sanitation, and hygiene (GWASH) issues."

**Healthy Water.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Answers the question: "How much water does the average person use at home per day?" Typical water use at home with tips for using less. Bath, shower, teeth brushing, hands/face washing, shaving, dishwasher, dish washing by hand, clothes washer, toilet flushing, drinking, outdoor. (Same link as in top box.) See also **Trends in Water Use in the U.S. 1950-2010.**

**Water Use in the United States.** USGS.

The U.S. Geological Survey's National Water-Use Science Project is responsible for compiling and disseminating the nation's water-use data. Data for 1950-2010 by state, estimated use of water 2010 are available. 2015 data and report are in progress.



# For example 2:

## Subcommittee on Energy. Committee on Science, Space, & Technology.

"The Subcommittee on Energy shall have jurisdiction over the following subject matters: all matters relating to energy research, development, and demonstration projects therefor; commercial application of energy technology; Department of Energy research, development, and demonstration programs; Department of Energy laboratories; Department of Energy science activities; energy supply activities; nuclear, solar, and renewable energy, and other advanced energy technologies; uranium supply and enrichment, and Department of Energy waste management; fossil energy research and development; clean coal technology; energy conservation research and development, including building performance, alternate fuels, distributed power systems, and industrial process improvements; pipeline research, development, and demonstration projects; energy standards; other appropriate matters as referred by the Chairman; and relevant oversight." Learn about the history of the committee and more.



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## U.S. Energy Information Administration.

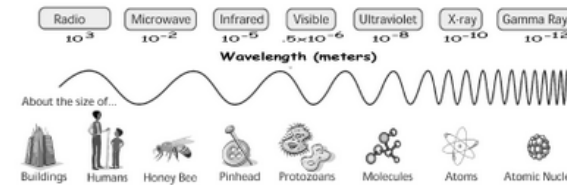
"Today in Energy," what's new, coming up, data highlights, features, outlooks, expert's speeches/testimony, top picks, and information for specific groups (job seekers, policy analysts, media, researchers, students, etc. Foot of page has sources & uses, topics, geography, tools, policies, and related sites.

## What is Energy? Explained. U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Lists different forms of energy, and the two types of energy. Categories for energy. Links to more information.

## Radiant/Electromagnetic Energy

Radiant energy is energy from **electromagnetic waves**. "The visible light from the Sun is only one type of radiant energy. The other types of radiant energy are known as gamma rays, x rays, ultraviolet, infrared, microwaves, and radio waves."



### Definitions & Descriptions

**Anatomy of an Electromagnetic Wave.** Tour of the Electromagnetic Spectrum. NASA Science Beta.

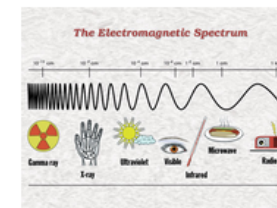
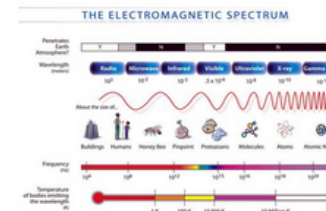
Examples of different types of energy. Definition of waves and more, including frequency. See other definitions in the **Electromagnetic Spectrum Video Series & Companion Book**, including visible light.)

**Chalk Talk: Electromagnetic Radiation.** Science 360 Video. National Science Foundation. Just under 1 1/2 minutes.

Audio and visual information about electromagnetic radiation. Chalk talks are "a video glossary to define specific scientific terms or concepts."

**The Electromagnetic Spectrum.** NASA. Goddard Space Flight Center.

Straightforward introduction to the electromagnetic (EM) spectrum. Graphic showing spectrum as wave lengths (e.g. AM radio, microwave oven, TV remote control, UV light from the Sun, etc.). Information on measuring electromagnetic radiation.



### Topics



# Provide Search Tips

- Search
- Browse

**Heart-Healthy Recipes.** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Search or browse for recipes. Advanced search allow for searching by ingredient, course, type of dish, total time, servings, and more. Recipes include nutrition facts.

- Point out any challenges (font size is small, hard to read color, etc.) and recommended fixes for excellent content, but difficult-to-use sites.





# Talk with Colleagues

- Mention relevant government resources at staff meetings.
- Point out and praise existing use of government resources.
- Emphasize that referrals to you are welcome (it worked for me).



# Academic Opportunities

- Courses that have research assignment where gov info would help.
- Questions on topic where gov info would help at Reference/Help Desk.
- Casual conversation with teaching faculty.



# Article of Interest

- Dubicki, Eleonora. “Tapping Government Sources for Course Assignments.” *Reference Services Review* 46.1 (2018): 29–41.
- Nursing/health and social work emphasis
- “The government documents’ librarian can familiarize faculty and other librarians with key government sources.” (37)



# Community Opportunities

- Homework assignments: most (all?) states teach State history in 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Have State guide available and promote to elementary schools. Be sure to include kid-friendly sites.



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# Community Opportunity

- Create kid-friendly U.S. History guide with government resources and promote to local schools. (Link to Ben's Guide.)
- Academic library? Promote guide to local public libraries.



# Strategy

- Volunteer to create the subject or topical guide
- Do it!
- Send the link to primary interested person(s)
- Integrate any feedback



# Making It Easy: Actions

- Offer to identify and annotate government resources for colleagues
- Offer to do the “coding”—in HTML, LibGuide, or applicable format
- Tap local information resources (e.g. State publications library)



# Q & A & Discussion

What courses or community activities might be opportunities to promote government resources in your communities?



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# Think of Something Later?

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