Groundwater

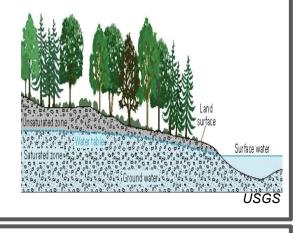
Water found beneath the Earth's surface.

Surface Water

Water collection on the surface of the ground in rivers, streams, ponds, lakes, and more.

Precipitation

Snow, rain, sleet or hail that falls to the ground.







Evaporation

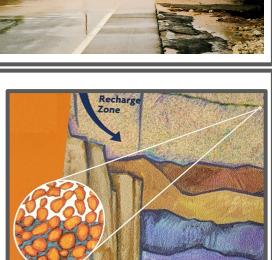
The process of converting water into a vapor.

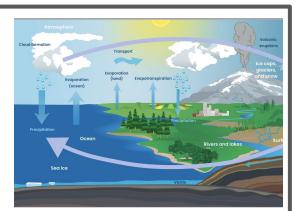
Runoff

Water from storms and other sources that flows across the surface of the ground more quickly than it is absorbed.

Water table

The top level of the groundwater stored between particles of sand, gravel, and clay in the ground.





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Recharge

An effective water management tool that allows

surface water to be stored underground for later use.

Central Arizona Project

A system that moves water from the Colorado River to different parts of Arizona to recharge the groundwater.

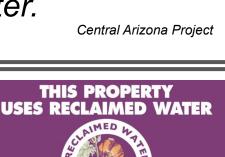
Reclaimed Water

Recycled and cleaned water.

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Remediated Water

Water cleaned of pollutants.

Cistern

A tank used to store harvested rainwater for later use.

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Areas of land adjacent to rivers and streams.







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