

What We Learned from our Community Questionnaire:

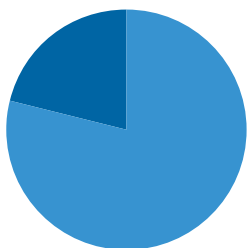
WATER SUPPLY IN WHATCOM COUNTY*

FROM **654** RESPONDENTS

WHO DID WE SURVEY?

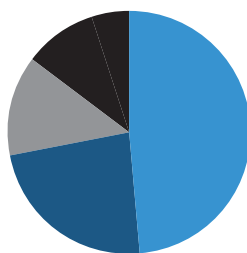
Property ownership

21% rent
79% own



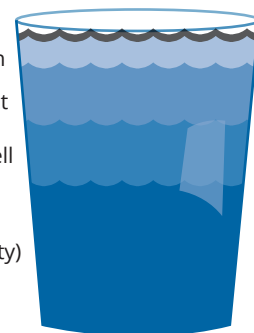
Property size

48.7% Under ¼ acre
23.5% ¼-1 acre
13.3% 1-5 acres
14.5% Over 5 acres



Water source

1.1% Other
7.5% Water Association
20.5% Water District
21.1% Private well
49.8% Municipal (City)



HOW DO THEY USE WATER?

85% use water outdoors in the summer for...

56% garden or orchard

52% lawn or landscaping

14% livestock or commercial farm



87% have attempted reducing their water consumption

WHAT DO THEY THINK ABOUT WATER SUPPLY ISSUES?

86%



said water conservation is **important** or **very important**



10.6%

Have struggled to get the water they need at some point

Why did they try to reduce water consumption?

Concern for future water supply in Whatcom

66%

34% Increasing cost of water

Other **8%**

* This questionnaire was not conducted scientifically and does not necessarily represent Whatcom County as a whole.