

Types of water footprint

According to the Water Footprint Network, **the water footprint is made up of three elements**, depending on the source of the water:



Green water footprint

Rainwater stored in the soil and used by plants through evaporation and transpiration. It is especially relevant in agriculture, forestry and horticulture.



Blue water footprint

Water extracted from surface or groundwater sources that is consumed during production, incorporated into products or returned to water bodies. Irrigated agriculture, industry and households typically generate blue water footprints.



Grey water footprint

The volume of freshwater required to dilute pollutants generated during industrial or agricultural processes until water quality standards are met.