

Distinguish, differentiate, compare and explain what is the Difference between Surface Water and Ground Water. Comparison and Differences.

Differences between Surface Water and Ground Water

S.No.	Surface Water	Ground Water
1	Water found on the surface of the earth is known as surface water.	Water located below the surface of the earth is known as ground water.
2	Major sources of surface water are streams, rivers, lakes, ponds etc.	It is stored in porous soil and rocks.
3	It can be directly used for irrigation.	In most of the cases it is needed to be pumped out.
4	Surface water is present in the form of large water bodies on earth surface.	Ground water is present due to slow percolation of surface water to the ground.
5	It gets recharged by the rain water directly.	It is recharged indirectly by either rain water harvesting or by absorbed surface water.