

CONVERSION FACTORS

Quantity	To convert from customary unit	To metric unit	Multiply customary unit by	To convert to customary unit, multiply metric unit by
Length	inches (in)	millimeters (mm)●	25.4	0.03937
	inches (in)	centimeters (cm)	2.54	0.3937
	feet (ft)	meters (m)	0.3048	3.2808
	miles (mi)	kilometers (km)	1.6093	0.62139
Area	square inches (in ²)	square millimeters (mm ²)	645.16	0.00155
	square feet (ft ²)	square meters (m ²)	0.092903	10.764
	acres (ac)	hectares (ha)	0.40469	2.4710
	square miles (mi ²)	square kilometers (km ²)	2.590	0.3861
Volume	gallons (gal)	liters (L)	3.7854	0.26417
	million gallons (10 ⁶ gal)	megaliters (ML)	3.7854	0.26417
	cubic feet (ft ³)	cubic meters (m ³)	0.028317	35.315
	cubic yards (yd ³)	cubic meters (m ³)	0.76455	1.308
	acre-feet (ac-ft)	thousand cubic meters (m ³ x 10 ³)	1.2335	0.8107
	acre-feet (ac-ft)	hectare-meters (ha - m)■	0.1234	8.107
	thousand acre-feet (taf)	million cubic meters (m ³ x 10 ⁶)	1.2335	0.8107
	thousand acre-feet (taf)	hectare-meters (ha - m)■	123.35	0.008107
	million acre-feet (maf)	billion cubic meters (m ³ x 10 ⁹)◆	1.2335	0.8107
	million acre-feet (maf)	cubic kilometers (km ³)	1.2335	0.8107
Flow	cubic feet per second (ft ³ /s)	cubic meters per second (m ³ /s)	0.028317	35.315
	gallons per minute (gal/min)	liters per minute (L/min)	3.7854	0.26417
	gallons per day (gal/day)	liters per day (L/day)	3.7854	0.26417
	million gallons per day (mgd)	megaliters per day (ML/day)	3.7854	0.26417
	acre-feet per day (ac-ft/day)	thousand cubic meters per day (m ³ x 10 ³ /day)	1.2335	0.8107
Mass	pounds (lb)	kilograms (kg)	0.45359	2.2046
	tons (short, 2,000 lb)	megagrams (Mg)	0.90718	1.1023
Velocity	feet per second (ft/s)	meters per second (m/s)	0.3048	3.2808
Power	horsepower (hp)	kilowatts (kW)	0.746	1.3405
Pressure	pounds per square inch (psi)	kilopascals (kPa)	6.8948	0.14505
	head of water in feet	kilopascals (kPa)	2.989	0.33456
Specific capacity	gallons per minute per foot of drawdown	liters per minute per meter of drawdown	12.419	0.08052
Concentration	parts per million (ppm)	milligrams per liter (mg/L)	1.0	1.0
Electrical conductivity	micromhos per centimeter	microsiemens per centimeter (mS/cm)	1.0	1.0
Temperature	degrees Fahrenheit (°F)	degrees Celsius (°C)	(°F - 32)/1.8	(1.8 x °C) + 32

- When using "dual units," inches are normally converted to millimeters (rather than centimeters).
- Not used often in metric countries, but is offered as a conceptual equivalent of customary western U.S. practice (a standard depth of water over a given area of land).
- ◆ ASTM Manual E380 discourages the use of billion cubic meters since that magnitude is represented by giga (a thousand million) in other countries. It is shown here for potential use for quantifying large reservoir volumes (similar to million acre-feet).

OTHER COMMON CONVERSION FACTORS

1 cubic foot=7.48 gallons=62.4 pounds of water	1 acre-foot=325,900 gallons=43,560 cubic feet
1 cubic foot per second (cfs)=450 gallons per minute (gpm)	1 million gallons=3.07 acre-feet
1 cfs=646,320 gallons a day=1.98 ac-ft a day	1 million gallons a day (mgd)=1,120 ac-ft a year