

Climate Change Definitions

Students will need to be familiar with the following words. The crossword puzzle is intended to reinforce their understanding of this vocabulary list.

Biodiesel - Biodiesel is a type of fuel made from french fry grease and used cooking oil that makes less pollution than regular diesel

Bulk - buying in bulk means to buy a product in larger amounts, usually with less packaging, and often at a cheaper price; see the bulk bin at the grocery store

Carpool - when several people travel together in one car (to work, school, practice, etc.), creating less pollution, sharing the cost of gas and taking turns providing the car

Compact fluorescent bulb - a fluorescent bulb made to take the place of traditional light bulbs - these bulbs use up to 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer

Compost - recycling of food waste or yard waste that has decayed into soil and may be used as fertilizer

Decaying - rotting

Decomposition - the process of rotting plants and other materials in nature

Emissions - gas or smoke released into the air

E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency) - part of the government in charge of making air quality laws for the whole country

Exhaust - the gas or smoke released from the tail pipe of a car or truck

Green Power - a program electric companies offer where you can pay a few extra dollars a month and some of your electricity will come from clean sources of energy such as solar and wind power


Hot water heater - a tank that heats water for use in a home or other building

Landfill - a method of waste disposal in which garbage is buried in the ground

Low-flow shower head - a water-saving shower head

Packaging - the materials used to package a product, for example: plastic, cardboard, paper, etc.

Recycled content - the amount of recycled material in a product; for example: "this paper is made from 100% recycled paper"

SUV  (Sports Utility Vehicle) - a large vehicle that is not fuel efficient

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