

SUSTAINABILITY VOCABULARY



AGRICULTURE	the act of preparing and using soil, growing crops, and raising livestock to provide many products for humans
COVER CROP	a crop grown to help protect and enhance the soil rather than to harvest
ECOSYSTEM	the interactions between the living and non-living things in their environment
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP	caring for the earth's environment by becoming informed, accepting responsibility, and taking action
EHTANOL	a high-performance fuel made from corn
EROSION	when pieces of the Earth's surface are moved from one place to another, usually by water and/or wind
FOSSIL FUELS	natural substances used for energy that formed from ancient plant organisms decaying under heat and pressure for millions of years
GREENHOUSE GAS	gases in the earth's atmosphere that trap and hold heat
NATIVE SPECIES	plants and animals that occur naturally in an area without human intervention
NONRENEWABLE RESOURCE	a natural resource that has a limited supply and cannot be replace as quickly as it is consumed
RENEWABLE RESOURCE	a natural resource that is unlimited, or can be replaced as quickly as it is consumed



Knowing the proper words and their definitions allows us to communicate more clearly about a topic! Use these vocabulary terms when discussing this topic.