



A Glossary of GREEN

ECO-TERMS DEFINED

BIODEGRADABLE MATERIAL

An organic compound that can be degraded or converted to more simple compounds by microorganisms in the natural environment.

BIO-BASED PRODUCT

A product (other than food or feed) that is produced from renewable agricultural (plant, animal and marine) or forestry materials.

BIODEGRADABLE

Something when left alone break down and be absorbed into the eco-system.

COMPOSTING

A process whereby organic wastes, including food and paper, decompose naturally, resulting in a produce rich in minerals and ideal for gardening and farming as a soil conditioner, mulch, resurfacing material, or landfill cover.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

A generic statement often used to designate a product or process that has a reduced ecological footprint when compared to other products/processes.

GREEN

The adjective used to describe people, behaviors, products, policies, standards, processes, places, movements or ideas that promote, protect, restore or minimize damage to the environment.

PLASTIC RECYCLING

There are seven different categories of plastics, some are more readily recyclable than others.

POST-CONSUMER

Material that has completed its life as a consumer item and has been discarded for disposal or recovery. It often refers to paper products such as newspaper, white paper and magazines, that have been recycled to make new products.

PRE-CONSUMER

Material that has been discarded by commercial enterprise for disposal or recovery. Pre-consumer waste often refers to material such as paper products that have been recovered from industry and recycled into new products.

RECYCLABLE

A designation for products or materials that are capable of being recovered from, or otherwise diverted from waste streams for recycling.

RENEWABLE

A natural resource if it is replaced by natural processes at a rate comparable or faster than its rate of consumption by humans. Solar radiation, tides, and winds are perpetual, and hydroelectricity is a renewable resource.

RENEWABLE RESOURCE

A natural resource that can be replenished by natural means at rates comparable to its rate of consumption.

SUSTAINABILITY

A goal that aims toward preserving quality interactions with the local environment, economy and social system.