

SUSTAINABILITY CORNER

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE BUZZWORDS

GLOBAL WARMING

refers to the overall warming of the Earth's atmosphere due to the rapid increase in greenhouse gases and other issues caused by human beings.

CLIMATE CHANGE

refers to ALL weather and climate issues caused by changes to the earth and its atmosphere caused by humans.

GREENHOUSE GASES

are gases in the Earth's atmosphere that keep heat from escaping from the Earth's surface.



STYROFOAM

Making Styrofoam uses a lot of water, which is in short supply in many parts of the country and produces a lot of greenhouse gases.



CARBON FOOTPRINT

is the total amount of all greenhouse gases that are generated by a person or an action.

MICROPLASTICS

are plastics that are less than 5 millimeters, or .20 inches, or 1/5 of an inch or less. They are plastics that were made small or are breakdowns of larger pieces of plastics. Microplastics have been found in all sorts of foods, from vegetables and fruits to fish.



KEEP IN MIND

Everything done in a food service venue has a carbon footprint. From the gas that is used for cooking, to the unintentional release of coolants from air conditioners and refrigeration units to the electricity used to run the dishwashers, everything has a carbon footprint.

Take steps to minimize your carbon footprint by using the tips described in the ACF Sustainability series, such as switching to electrical equipment and using alternatives to Styrofoam to-go containers.