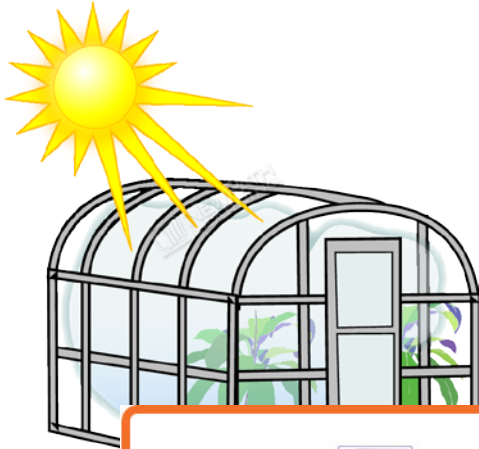


ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES

The issue of **global warming** has been the cause of much debate in the past fifty years. Greenhouse gases, overpopulation, fossil fuel usage, and deforestation have been at the top of the list of reasons that the world's environment is changing for the worse.



Many plants and animals in our environment have died because of the changes caused by global warming. Scientists think that the climate is changing around the world.

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In addition to the climate change, there are other changes that have taken place in our planet's ecosystem. **Acid rain, water pollution, glacial erosion** and **ozone depletion** are just a few of the things that are affecting the way we live. There are many things that people are doing to try and stop these changes before they get worse. One example of this is energy efficiency and conservation. There are numerous ways to achieve these, including turning the lights off when you leave a room, **recycling, reducing** your consumption and use of plastic and other petroleum products, and driving hybrid cars.

