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**Chapter 6: Managing Your Environment—Glossary**

**alternative energy sources.** Energy from renewable resources, such as the sun or wind.

**applications software.** Computer programs you use to do work or other activities.

**blog.** An online journal.

**conserve.** To save.

**cyberbullying.** When a person is negatively targeted by another through technology.

**ecology.** The study of all living objects in relation to each other and the environment.

**efficiency.** Working in the best possible manner with the least amount of waste.

**fossil fuels.** Coal, oil, and natural gas.

**insulation.** Material used to prevent the transfer of heat or cold.

**natural resources.** Substances that are supplied by nature and needed for survival.

**netiquette.** Proper etiquette on the Internet.

**pollution.** The action or process of making natural resources unsafe or unusable.

**precycling.** Buying products that reduce waste.

**recycling.** Turning a used product into a product that can be reused.

**shortage.** When a demand for something is greater than the supply.

**smart phones.** Phones that access the Internet and have other uses.

**software.** A set of instructions that tells a computer what to do.

**solar energy.** Energy from the sun's rays.

**sustainability.** Using a natural resource so that it is not depleted or permanently damaged.

**systems software.** Everything that makes your computer run and keeps it working.

**technology.** Use of new knowledge, tools, and systems to solve problems and make life easier.

**webcams.** Small video cameras showing live images through the Internet.