

Greenhouse Effect (Day 1)

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Sunlight) Visible & Ultra violet: High Freq & Short Wavelength



- Earth surface absorbs that radiation & re-admits it at a longer wavelength
- Re-radiates @ Infrared Radiation

Greenhouse Gas - Allow High Freq. Waves to easily pass through

- Longer wavelength re-radiated waves will be blocked. Greenhouse gas absorbs & re-admits the radiation/cray in all directions

Greenhouse Effect - Good keeps Earth Warm but too much is bad

4 Greenhouse Gases

CO₂ Carbon Dioxide - From burning fossil fuels

- Primarily responsible

Water Vapor - Next important Greenhouse Gas

- Has not increased since Industrial Rev.

Methane CH₄ - From burning Nat Gas

- Except for Cows

Nitrous Oxide N₂O - Agriculture / fertilizer
Depletes the Ozone layer

- Greenhouse gases act by resonance
- They absorb infrared radiation emitted by the earth & re-radiate UV in all directions