What is climate change?

The word climate refers to the general weather condition of a certain place over many years. Climate change refers to significant variation of the average weather condition. Even though the phrases climate change and global warming are often used together, the recent rise in global average temperature is just one aspect of climate change.

What causes it?

A variety of factors both natural and human can influence the earth's climate system. When energy from the sun reflects off the earth and back into space (mostly by clouds and ice), or when the earth's atmosphere releases energy, the planet cools. When the earth absorbs energy from the sun, or when atmospheric gases prevent heat released by the earth from radiating into space (the greenhouse effect), it warms.

5 ways you can make a difference:
1. Compost at home.
2. Speak out (if you see any problems, go family-makin' good).
3. Properly weatherize your homes.
4. Maintain your vehicle's tune-up.
5. Pull the plug(s).