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PHRASAL VERBS: THE
ENVIRONMENT

Call for – require

Climate change calls for drastic changes to our lifestyles.

Call off – cancel

We had better not call off the protest against climate change.

Clear up – when the weather becomes better/clean

We ought to clear up the plastic from our beaches.

Cool down - make colder

Global temperatures will not cool down until we reduce the amount of carbon gasses we release into the atmosphere.

Cut down (on) – reduce

We need to cut down on the amount of electricity we use.

Large corporations cut down too many trees in our rainforests.

Cut out – stop using/doing

We need to cut out using disposable plastic bottles.

Deal with - handle

How could we deal with global warming?

Die out – when all of sth dies

About 30% of all species will die out in the next 100 years.

Dispose of - get rid of

We need to find a solution to the disposal of plastic waste.

Face up to – accept as true

National governments need to face up to the consequences of their actions.

Give off – emit (fumes etc.)

Cars give off many fumes.

Heat up - make hotter

The weather is heating up due to the effect of greenhouse gasses.

Look after – take care of

People should look after the local natural area.

Put down to – suggest that sth is the result of sth

I put global warming down to bad long-term planning.

Stand for – represent sth

I stand for the rights of all living species.

Stand up for – defend/protect

We need to stand up for animal rights.

Throw away – get rid of/put in the bin

We should always recycle instead of just throwing things away.

Wipe out - eliminate

Many species in the oceans have already been wiped out.