



What is vehicle Idling?

Idling is running an engine that is powering a vehicle when it is not moving.

Idling stinks because it is wasteful, costly, unhealthy, and illegal.

- 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning the engine on and off
- State law prohibits idling for more than 3 minutes.
- Recent revision raises the minimum penalty amount for violation of C. 39:3-70.2 from \$25.00 to \$250.00
- An idling vehicle emits 20x more pollution than one traveling at 30 mph
- 15 minutes of idling emits almost 1 lb. of carbon dioxide
- Idling increases costs for fuel, car maintenance, health care and efforts to combat global warming

Reference: League of Women Voters, NJDEP, and HCES

Engine idling is a major problem for smog, urban air pollution and greenhouse gases, especially in large diesel engines.

Support No-Idling

Turn your car off after 10 seconds if you are stopping. If you idle for more than 10 seconds, you will use more fuel than it would take to restart your engine.

Think Again. If you are driving your vehicle in Wall Township, please do not idle your car:

Places where Idling may occur:

Fast food restaurants, drive through businesses or gas stations,

Waiting for your children to come from school, ball fields, and parks,

Picking up mail at the post office,

Disposing of trash at the recycling center or

Any other place where idling may occur.



Turning car engines off while parked; and carpooling instead of driving alone in our cars can help to improve local air quality.

Idling

- **Idling Causes Air Pollution**
- **Idling is Unhealthy** because breathing in exhaust can aggravate asthma, allergies, and cardiovascular disease
- **Idling Wastes Fuel and Money**

Contrary to popular belief, **modern cars do not require a warm-up period**, and turning a car on and off does not harm the engine.

Protect the Environment



- Vehicle exhaust contaminates the air with harmful particles and chemicals. Fine particle pollution in New Jersey may cause more premature deaths than homicides and car accidents combined.
- Reduce wear and tear on your vehicle's engine. Excessive idling can damage engine components.
- Help protect our climate and air by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions. During the course of a year, the average motor vehicle emits nearly 12,100 pounds, or 6 tons, of emissions into the atmosphere.

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