

Did you know?

- Vehicles that idle 10 minutes per day waste more than 29 gallons of fuel each year.
- An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than one traveling at 30 miles per hour.
- 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than turning the engine on and off.
- Emissions are still present and harmful even when you can't see exhaust fumes.
- In winter conditions, emissions from a cold engine are more than double the normal level. Fuel consumption is also higher.
- Idling increases maintenance costs; it leaves fuel residues that contaminate motor oil and make spark plugs dirty.



It's illegal!

Idling for more than 3 minutes is prohibited in New Jersey; it is not permitted for the purpose of heating or cooling the driver and passengers.

Idling of emergency vehicles operating during emergency situations is allowed.

The Township of Warren Green Team

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Have you ever left your car running:

- *waiting to pick your children up after school?*
- *while running errands?*
- *listening to the radio or talking on the phone?*

The Warren Green Team Anti-Idling Initiative for Warren Township

Idling is unhealthy!

Diesel exhaust is a likely human carcinogen, containing fine particles commonly called “soot”.

Exhaust emissions worsen asthma, bronchitis, heart disease and existing allergies.

The New England Journal of Medicine reports that exposure to air pollution may cause chronic decreases in lung functions.

Children breathe up to 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults, making them more susceptible to both acute and chronic respiratory problems like asthma.

You are not safe from air pollution inside an idling vehicle. Exposure to air pollutants is actually higher inside an idling vehicle than at roadside. The most exposure occurs in traffic congestion or in a line up of idling vehicles such as outside school.



What should I do?

Take action and stop idling! Tell your family, friends, neighbors and school bus drivers to stop idling.

Do not use remote starters.

Support programs that “retrofit” diesel vehicles with emission controls.

Purchase and install “No Idling Zone” signs to spread awareness (see directions for ordering on www.StopTheSoot.org).

Encourage your school district to sign the No Idling Pledge.

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