Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
IDLING is “Fuelish”

What's Connecticut doing to curb it?

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What is idling?

When a vehicle is running but not moving.
Why care about idling?

- Money
- Fuel
- Air Pollution
- Acid Rain
- Human Health
- Sea-Level Rise

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What’s CT doing about idling?

idea ➔ plan ➔ action
Outreach & Education

**“TICKET” BROCHURE**
- Reminder to reduce engine idling, conserve our natural resources.
- Over 40,000 distributed.
- Almost daily requests for more!

**WASTEBUSTERS**
- Video parody of "Mythbusters."
- "Wastebusters" debunk idling myths.
- Check it out!
  1) ct.gov/deep/anti-idling
  2) DEEP’s YouTube channel

**CASEY’S CLEAN AIR WEEK**
- Teaches children about clean air, protecting human health and the environment.
- Provides simple steps to prevent or reduce air pollution from cars.
- Read it!
  ct.gov/deep/casey
**Compliance Assurance**

**SIGNAGE PROGRAM**
- Thousands of signs provided to CT K-12 schools.
- 80% of CT school districts participating.
- All CT K-12 schools can participate.
- Available for all to purchase on DEEP’s online store.

**COMPLAINT HOTLINE**
- Encourage reporting of excessive idling, in areas with a high concentration of vehicles.
- Complaints analyzed and investigated by DEEP field staff.
- DEEP field staff may pursue enforcement actions if excessive idling observed.

**ANTI-IDLING POSTER**
- Posted and distributed at DMVs, State Parks and more.
- Distributed to areas that are prone to excessive idling complaints.
- Available, at no cost, to all upon request.
**TARGETED ENFORCEMENT**

- CT prohibits vehicles from unnecessary idling > 3 minutes.
- Target rest areas, schools, truck stops and commercial delivery points.
- DEEP field staff:
  - Investigate complaints
  - Pursue enforcement (i.e. NOVs, Orders)
  - Don’t have ticketing authority

**INFRACTION AUTHORITY**

- Infraction authority limited to police that observe school buses idling for > 3 minutes.
- First offense is an infraction, subsequent offenses may range between $100-$500.
- Proposed legislation to expand police’s ticketing authority to commercial buses and trucks.
Partnerships

COSTA

• The Connecticut Association of School Transportation Officials (COSTA) and DEEP by signing a MOU.

• MOU seeks pledges from school bus drivers to turn their engines off.

UCONN H.E.C.I.

• DEEP and University of Connecticut Healthy Environments for Children Initiative (H.E.C.I.), developed *Casey’s Clean Air Week*.

• Over 10,000 hard-copies have been distributed to CT schools, day cares, libraries and pediatricians.
How can CT evolve its efforts?
Questions
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