

IDLING Is Fuelish



It's The Law



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REGISTRATION _____ TICKET NO. **A321012**

VIOLATION DATE _____ TIME _____

LOCATION OF VIOLATION _____

EMPLOYEE _____ INSPECTOR NO. _____

VEHICLE MAKE _____ MODEL _____

NOTICE OF IDLING VIOLATION

Pursuant to the responsibilities of my office as a representative of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), I have taken the opportunity to provide you with this informational pamphlet about the environmentally hazardous, unhealthy and surprisingly costly effects of idling.

3-MINUTE LIMIT IT'S THE LAW

This pamphlet is not a summons or notice of violation to which you must respond. It's just a reminder that unnecessary idling is illegal everywhere in our state. Why? Exhaust fumes created by idling pollute the air and create a public health hazard and running your motor vehicle while stationary is inefficient and a costly waste of fuel. This law applies to all cars, trucks, taxis, buses and motorized construction equipment.



IDLING REDUCTION IS OUR GOAL IN CT

This is just a friendly reminder to do your part to reduce engine idling, conserve our natural resources and help us all breathe a little easier! Thank you.

DEEP Commissioner

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TURNING OFF YOUR ENGINE HELPS SAVE FUEL, LIVES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Emissions from idling motor vehicle engines are one of the most important air quality issues in Connecticut today. The state is committed to reducing air pollution, protecting public health and improving the environment; therefore, "No Idling" is the law!

IDLING CAUSES AIR POLLUTION

- An idling vehicle spews air toxics, chemicals, gases and particulate matter ("soot") into the air, contributing to regional haze, acid rain and global climate change.
- An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than one traveling at 30 miles per hour.
- Every gallon of gasoline burned produces more than 20 pounds of greenhouse gases!

IDLING IS UNHEALTHY

- Breathing in exhaust can aggravate asthma, allergies and cardiovascular disease.
- Exhaust emissions increase school absences, ER visits and even premature deaths.
- Emissions are still present and harmful, even when you can't see the exhaust.

IDLING WASTES FUEL AND MONEY

- For each hour spent idling, a typical truck burns approximately one gallon of diesel fuel and a typical car wastes 1/5 of a gallon of gasoline.
- Idling for 10 seconds will use more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting it!
- Idling is like burning dollar bills.

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- Take action and stop unnecessary idling! Spread the word to family, friends, neighbors and school bus drivers. It's an easy way to contribute to a healthier community!
- Encourage your school district to post "No Idling" signs and to sign a No Idling pledge.
- Drive your car to warm it.
- Do not use remote starters.

WHAT'S THE LAW?

Connecticut law prohibits vehicles of all kinds from unnecessary idling for more than three minutes. Provisions are made for weather extremes, certain service vehicles and health related conditions.

WHEN DOES ENFORCEMENT BEGIN?

DEEP's goal is to achieve idling reduction through voluntary compliance. However, the law is now in effect and violations are subject to enforcement action.

For more information about Connecticut's anti-idling initiatives go to www.ct.gov/deep/anti-idling

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