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IDLING is “Fuelish”



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What is idling?



When a vehicle is running but not moving.



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Why care about idling?

Money



Fuel



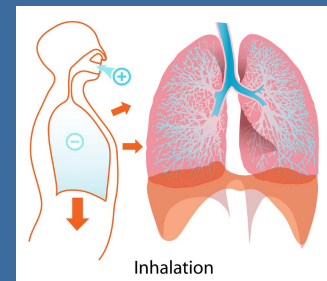
Air Pollution



Acid Rain



Human Health



Sea-Level Rise



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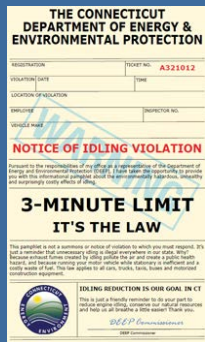
What's CT doing about idling?



idea → *plan* → *action*



Outreach & Education



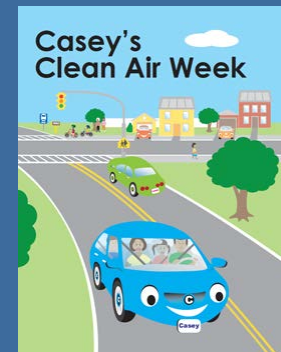
“TICKET” BROCHURE

- 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



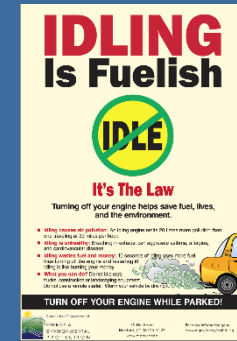
SIGNAGE PROGRAM

- 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.



Enforcement



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.

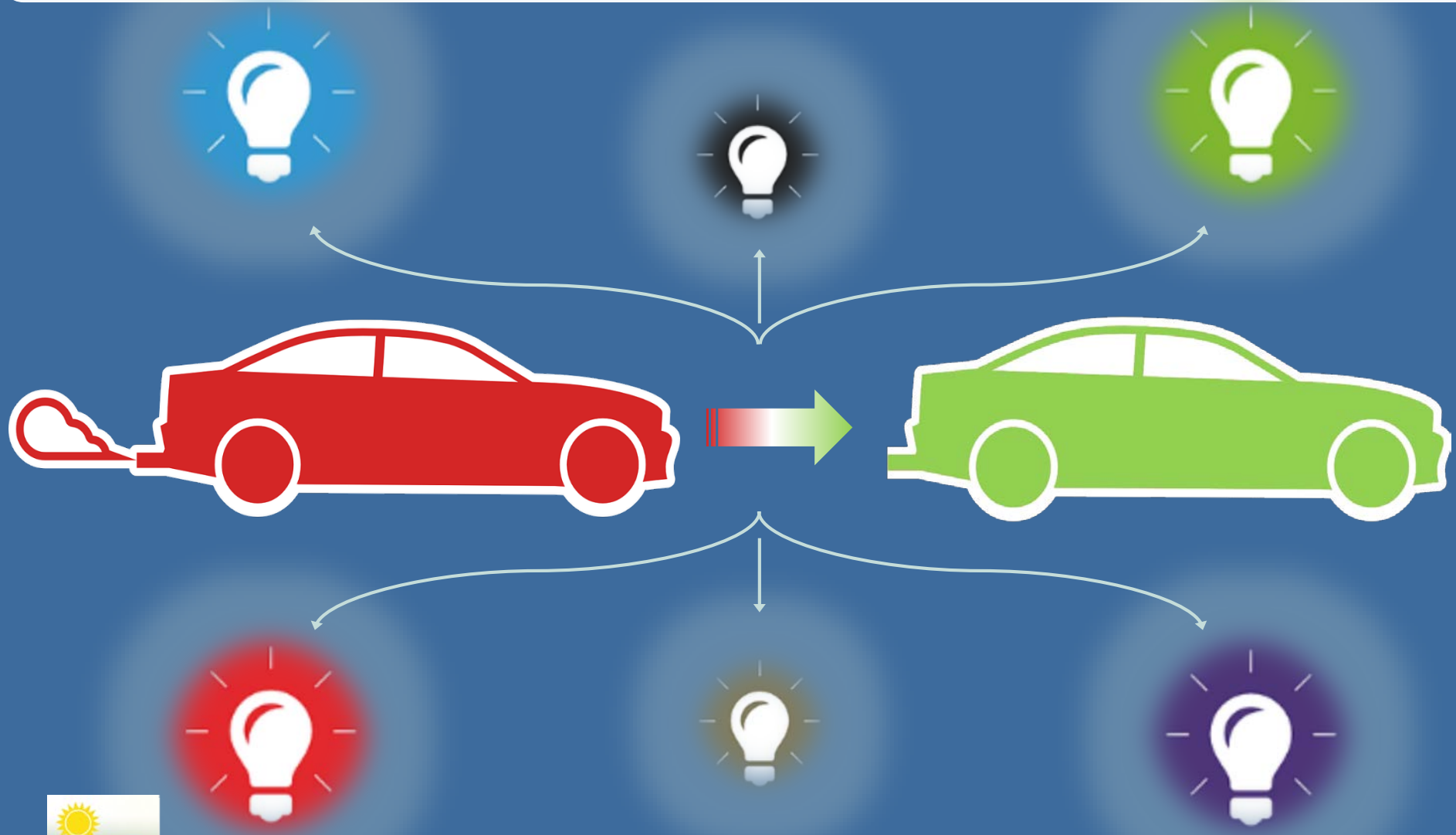


UCONN H.E.C.I.

- 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 it's efforts?



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Questions



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