

IDLE-FREE VT INC

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Perhaps you've observed unnecessary vehicle idling—a person sitting in their parked car with the engine running, minute after minute. Or a truck idling on and on as a delivery is made. This harmful and wasteful practice goes on all over Vermont, every day.

THE BENEFITS OF AVOIDING THE HARM & WASTE OF NEEDLESS IDLING:

- **Improve Air Quality & Health**
- **Save Money**
- **Avoid Needless Engine Wear**
- **Slow Down Climate Change**
- **Conserve Energy**
- **Obey Vermont's Laws**

Please do not idle your engine when parked or stopped out of traffic for more than 30 seconds.



Avoiding idling when parked has important benefits for drivers of cars, SUVs and pickups:

- **IMPROVE AIR QUALITY & HEALTH:** Emissions even from modern vehicles contain harmful chemicals that can affect our respiratory systems. *Children, the elderly and individuals with asthma are especially vulnerable.*
- **SAVE MONEY:** *Idling gets 0 MPG.* If parked for more than 30 seconds, shut the engine off until ready to drive. And for cold warm ups, 0 to 30 seconds in all but sub-zero weather usually suffices. Driving is the best way to warm up.
- **AVOID NEEDLESS ENGINE WEAR:** Many owner's manuals state to limit idling to avoid increased engine maintenance and shortened engine life.
- **SLOW THE ADVANCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE:** Vehicle exhaust emissions also contain carbon dioxide (CO₂) the leading man-made contributor to climate change.
- **IMPROVE SECURITY / CONSERVE ENERGY:** Our dependence on foreign oil poses a threat to our economic and strategic security. Idling reduction is part of the formula to help make Vermont and America energy independent.
- **OBEY VERMONT'S LAWS:** In certain locales and in certain instances (such as allowing a vehicle to idle while unattended in public) idling is a violation of the law.

About Idle-Free VT Inc.

Idle-Free VT Inc. is an Addison County, Vermont based non-profit, grassroots campaign to raise awareness of unnecessary vehicle idling (idling when parked), and to work for no-idling legislation.



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