

FUDPS SPECIAL ORDER 2017-01

Effective: July 01, 2017

SUBJECT: Excessive Idling Policy

PURPOSE: Fairfield University recognizes that motor vehicle idling poses a risk to people in the vicinity and to the environment. The inhalation of motor vehicle exhaust may contribute to human health problems, air pollution and global climate change. Connecticut regulations prohibit vehicles of all kinds from unnecessary idling for more than **3 minutes** (RCSA 22a-174-18 and Public Act No. 02-56). Fairfield's goal is to achieve idling reduction through education and voluntary compliance. If necessary, repeat offenders may be ticketed for violation of this policy.

PROCEDURE: As used in this policy, the term "campus grounds" shall mean any area on the Fairfield University main campus that is used at any time for campus related activities, including parking lots, courtyards and driveways.

- "No Idling" signs will be posted at pre-determined locations to notify operators of motor vehicles and bus/ shuttle drivers that idling under normal weather conditions beyond 3 minutes is prohibited on campus grounds. The exception to normal conditions is **extreme** cold or hot temperatures
- No University-owned or leased vehicle is allowed to idle or be left idling while on campus grounds. This includes vehicles maintained and operated by all academic, co-curricular, and administrative departments/ programs, and all other campus support vehicles including gators, golf carts, and heavy duty vehicles or machinery
- Vendors and outside contractors operating delivery vehicles will be made aware of the idling policy, particularly as it pertains to loading or unloading, unless the engine idling is needed to facilitate the delivery
- Athletic Department staff will be responsible for sharing the Idling Policy with athletic teams that travel to Fairfield University

- Community members are encouraged to contact Public Safety or Facilities Management when they encounter a vehicle left idling with no operator present
- When a violation occurs, operators will be warned and asked to comply with the policy. A repeat occurrence may result in a citation with fine. If drivers continue to be uncooperative, Fairfield University reserves the right to reevaluate working relationships with vendors and contractors, and change to a service provider willing to abide by University policy and Campus Safety requests
- Exception to the No Idling policy are Emergency First Responder vehicles operated by Public Safety, Fire, Police and Ambulance personnel

OTHER:

This policy is intended to serve as a tool to discourage needless idling on campus, rather than strict enforcement by Public Safety officers. To help make the policy effective, information on the policy will be disseminated to the campus community at certain intervals throughout the year with a focus on educating the community.

AUTHORITY:

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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

