

# TURN IT OFF to Clear the Air

## *Stop Idling*

### **FACT:**

Engine idling in New York City causes as much pollution as nine million large trucks driving from the Bronx to Staten Island. When vehicles idle, the exhaust pollutes the air inside and outside the vehicle.

Your vehicle idles when the engine is on but is not moving. Reducing idling makes the air cleaner for children, especially those travelling to and from schools.

### **FACT:**

New York City has one of the highest asthma rates among children in the country. Children breathe 50% more air per pound than adults. Asthma symptoms increase because of vehicle exhaust.

### **FACT:**

Idling for longer than 10 seconds wastes more fuel than restarting your engine. More than \$28 million in gas is wasted by New York City idlers each year.

### **DON'T BREAK THE LAW!**

Curbside idling is illegal even if you are sitting in your vehicle. The law limits vehicle idling to no more than **ONE** minute when adjacent to a school.

City officials are authorized to enforce the anti-idling law by issuing fines of \$350 or more. Turn off your engine to save gas, money, and most importantly, your health and the health of your children.

May is Asthma Awareness Month, so now is the time to **Turn it Off to Clear the Air.**



Bill de Blasio, Mayor  
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