

NYC Fleet: Let's All Reduce Pollution by Reducing Idling

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Traditional fuel vehicles use gas or diesel to propel themselves forward. We don't need fuel to stand in place, yet vehicle operators often create as much pollution and engine wear by running and idling their vehicle engines while parked, standing, or waiting.

Excessive vehicle idling is not just avoidable, it's against the law. In NYC, vehicles may not idle for more than three minutes in general, and for one minute near school zones. Exceptions are made for emergency vehicles and for units that are operating a loading or processing device at the time. This regulation is not about being stuck in traffic. It's about turning off unneeded engine use when standing, stopped or parked.

There are lots of ways you can help reduce needless pollution from idling:

- Operate one of our all electric or hybrid vehicles. In most cases, these will operate on battery power and turn off the engine for you if you're stopped.
- For conventional vehicles, use the car battery and not the engine if you need to operate any vehicle systems during a short term stop.
- If you need to stop for a long period, get out of the car and find a location to sit.
- Plan ahead to avoid situations where you will need to idle.
- Turn off your vehicle. Don't idle!

For more on the laws, please see the links below.

Through our new telematics system, we will be able to provide alerts and help report on improvements in idling behaviors. Thanks for your help in cleaning our City's air and reducing vehicle costs and wear.

http://rules.cityofnewyork.us/sites/default/files/adopted_rules_pdf/notice_of_adoption_traffic_rules_clean_up_part_1_final_approved-effective_4-20-17.pdf

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dep/downloads/pdf/air/stop-idling-to-clear-air.pdf>



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