



Anti-Idling Regulation Notice

Effective April 11, 2005, the idling time for trucks and buses having a gross vehicle weight of over 8,500 pounds is restricted to no more than three minutes.

The regulation provides exemptions from the idling restrictions for some special situations only. Violators could be subject to penalties of \$50 to \$500 for each offense.

Vehicle exhaust is hazardous to human health, especially to children. Studies have linked pollution from vehicles to increased rates of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies. Children are more at risk because they breathe more rapidly and inhale more pollutants per pound of body weight than adults, and their lungs are still developing.

Idling wastes resources and damages the environment. Burning fuel needlessly costs money and contributes to air pollution problems that harm plants and animals.

Today's trucks and buses do not need to be warmed up, except in extremely cold conditions (below 0° F). In fact, for modern diesel engines, idling can actually be harder on the engine than driving down the road.

Thank you for your support in complying with our new anti-idling regulation by shutting off your vehicle when it is not in use. Your actions will help all Delaware residents breathe a little easier!

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