

Idling Harms Our Environment ... Turn It Off!



Idling truck and bus engines needlessly burn fuel and contribute to air pollution that harms plants, animals and people.

Vehicle exhaust is associated with many health problems, including:

- Increased rates of cancer, increased heart and lung disease, and increased cases of asthma and allergies.
- Children are more at risk because they breathe more rapidly and inhale more pollutants per pound of body weight than adults. In addition, their lungs are more sensitive because they are still developing.

Since 2008, Delaware has participated in the National Clean Diesel Campaign, which provides funding to install clean diesel technology.

This technology includes:

- Emissions and idle control devices,
- Aerodynamic equipment,
- Engine and vehicle replacements, and
- Alternative fuel options.

Anti-Idling – It's the Law!

In 2005, Delaware established anti-idling regulations that:

- Restrict idling time to no more than three minutes for trucks and buses having a gross vehicle weight of over 8.500 pounds; and
- Set penalties of \$50 to \$500 for each offense.

Compliance will help all Delawareans breathe a little easier.



More information can be found here: de.gov/diesel

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