

How to Reduce Ground Level Ozone

ANTI-IDLING POLICY FOR COMPANY PROPERTY

Statement of Purpose

This policy seeks to reduce air pollution and individual exposure to vehicle exhaust by discouraging unnecessary idling of vehicles on property owned, operated or managed by (name of company, municipality or organization).

Definition

For the purpose of this policy a “fleet” is defined as all vehicles owned, rented, or leased by (name of company or organization) or operated for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of (name of company or organization).

Background

Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone, is an immediate and ongoing concern in (location name). It impacts citizen health, economic growth and quality of life. Vehicle exhaust, including exhaust from idling vehicles, contributes significantly to air pollution.

Statement of Policy

Drivers are advised to turn off vehicles when parked on property owned, operated or managed by (name of company, municipality or organization) and not re-start vehicles until necessary to depart. This policy applies to all vehicles, including vehicles owned and operated by (name of company, municipality or organization), vehicles operated by employees of (name of company, municipality or organization), vehicles delivering goods and services to (name of company, municipality or organization) and vehicles operated by visitors of (name of company, municipality or organization). (Name of company, municipality or organization) shall notify its customers and visitors of this policy by:

- Posting "Turn Off Your Engine/No Idle Zone" street signs where they can be easily seen by vehicles parked at (name of company, municipality or organization)
- Posting "Turn Off Your Engine and No Idle Zone" posters and window stickers, as appropriate, on the premises
- Providing literature on the benefits of not idling (available from PAMZ)
- Including this message in mailings, newsletters, bill inserts and other customary means of communicating with customers and visitors

Exemptions

The request that a driver turn off a vehicle and refrain from idling does not apply for the period or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

1. To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, such as in cases of extreme hot or cold conditions (e.g. to run the air conditioner or heater under extreme heat or cold)
2. To use lift equipment or other equipment necessary to accommodate individuals with one or more disabilities
3. When specific traffic, safety, or emergency- situations arise

In any of the above exemption cases, if equipment can be run from the battery, drivers should refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery.

Implementation

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Dated the ___ day of _____, 2011.

Signatures _____



To create a policy in your organization, the text from this form can be downloaded from the PAMZ website.

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ANTI-IDLING POLICY FOR FLEET VEHICLES

Statement of Purpose

This policy is designed to assist in protecting air quality through the reduction of engine idling by vehicles operated as part of the vehicle fleet of (name of company or organization).

Definition

For the purpose of this policy a “fleet” is defined as all vehicles owned, rented, or leased by (name of company or organization) or operated for the purpose of conducting business on behalf of (name of company or organization).

Background

Air pollution, particularly ground-level ozone, is an immediate and ongoing concern in (location name). It impacts citizen health, economic growth and quality of life. Vehicle exhaust, including exhaust from idling vehicles, contributes significantly to air pollution.

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of (name of company or organization) that drivers of (name of company or organization) fleet vehicles turn off vehicle engines (not idle) when a vehicle will be stopped for more than 30 seconds, except when in traffic. This policy applies, but is not limited, to the following situations:

- when loading or unloading goods or personnel
- when stopped for road construction
- when waiting at a drive-through window
- when stopped and waiting for any reason (except in traffic, such as when stopped at a traffic light)

Exemptions

The policy of turning off vehicles when stopped does not apply for the period or periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

- To provide for the safety of vehicle occupants, as in cases of extreme hot or cold conditions (e.g. to run the air conditioner or heater under extreme heat or cold)
- To use lift equipment or other equipment necessary to accommodate individuals with one or more disabilities
- When stopped in traffic, such as when waiting at a traffic light
- When specific traffic, safety or emergency situations arise

With the exception of third exemption above, if in the above exemption cases equipment can be run from the battery alone, drivers should refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery.

Implementation

This policy shall be effective immediately from the date of signature.

Dated the ___ day of _____, 2011.

Signatures _____

