

Town of East Montpelier Vehicle Idling Reduction Policy

PURPOSE

To benefit the Town of East Montpelier, its employees, and Vermont's air quality and environment in the following ways:

- Protect the health of operators and people in the vicinity of the vehicle
- Save money by saving fuel and reducing engine wear
- Reduce carbon emissions and damage to the environment
- Conserve energy
- Bring the Town of East Montpelier in compliance with 23 V.S.A. §1110, the state law prohibiting the idling of motor vehicles

POLICY

All Town of East Montpelier employees who operate any vehicle owned or leased by the Town of East Montpelier will limit the idling of the vehicle in the following ways:

- In general, operators will eliminate unnecessary engine idling; at no time idling for more than five minutes in any 60-minute period
- Limit warm up idling to no more than five minutes for medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and 30 seconds for light-duty vehicles
- Shut the engine off when at a loading dock or upon arriving at a destination
- Never let the engine run while the vehicle is unattended

EXCEPTIONS

The general prohibition of excessive idling will not apply when idling is necessary due to the following:

- For safety reasons, such as for adequate vehicle windshield defrosting
- If the vehicle must stop on a public road because of traffic conditions or situations over which the operator has no control
- If the health or safety of a vehicle occupant requires idling, such as for generating heat in the cab during extreme cold weather
- For operation of essential on-board auxiliary equipment, when battery power is no longer available or not practical
- When being maintained, serviced, repaired, inspected, or tested, as needed

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