

## **TOWN OF COLCHESTER IDLING REDUCTION POLICY**

**PURPOSE:** To benefit THE Town of Colchester, Vermont and its employees in the following ways:

- Protect 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
- Comply with client rules and municipal and state laws

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

- In general, operators will eliminate unnecessary engine idling
- Limit warm up idling to no more than five minutes
- Shut the engine off when at loading dock or upon arriving at destination
- Never let the engine run while the vehicle is unattended

### **EXEMPTIONS:**

- For safety reasons, vehicle windshield defrosting must be adequate
- If the vehicle must stop on a public road because of traffic conditions over which the operator has no control
- For generating heat in the cabin in extreme weather
- For operation of essential on-board auxiliary equipment, when battery power is no longer or not practical
- When being maintained, repaired or tested, as needed