

SIPRAC

Idling Reduction Initiative

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IDLING
Is Fuelish



It's The Law



CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Why is Idling Harmful?

- Idling causes air pollution
 - An idling vehicle spews air toxics, chemicals, gases and particulate matter (including carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, nitrous oxides and hydrocarbons) into the air contributing to regional haze, acid rain and global climate change
 - An idling vehicle emits 20 times more pollution than one traveling at 30 mph
 - Every gallon of gas burned produces more than 20 pounds of greenhouse gases
 - For each hour spent idling, a typical truck burns about 1 gallon of diesel fuel and a typical car wastes 1/5 of a gallon of gas

What is the Law?

- RCOSA 22a-174-18 applies to all vehicles in CT
 - Prohibits vehicles of all kinds from unnecessary idling for more than 3 minutes
 - Provisions are made for weather extremes, certain service vehicles and health – related conditions
- Public Act No. 02-56 signed May 9, 2002
 - gives ticketing authority to police who witness school buses idling for longer than 3 minutes

Who Enforces?

- Enforced by DEP Field Staff
 - We have 12 Field Staff that cover the whole state and ALL air pollution sources
 - We would issue NOVs but not as effective as a ticket would be
- Right now the only authority police have is for buses
- There have been several efforts to give police ticketing authority but have failed in legislature

What Outreach has been done?

- Ticket Brochure
 - Sent to bus and taxi companies in CT
 - Given to air field staff to hand out
 - Given in response to complaints that are received through the complaint line (860) 424-3436
 - Electronic version available online at http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/air/vehicle_emissions/idlingisfuelish.pdf

THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		
REGISTRATION	TICKET NO. A321012	
VIOLATION	DATE	TIME
LOCATION OF VIOLATION		
EMPLOYEE	INSPECTOR NO.	
VEHICLE MAKE		
NOTICE OF IDLING VIOLATION		
<small>Pursuant to the responsibilities of my office as a representative of the Department of Environmental Protection, I have taken the opportunity to provide you with this informational pamphlet about the environmentally hazardous, unhealthy and surprisingly costly effects of idling.</small>		
3-MINUTE LIMIT IT'S THE LAW		
<small>This pamphlet is not a summons or notice of violation to which you must respond. It's just a reminder that unnecessary idling is illegal everywhere in our state. Why? Because exhaust fumes created by idling pollute the air and create a public health hazard – and because running your motor vehicle while stationary is inefficient and a costly waste of fuel. This law applies to all cars, trucks, taxis, buses and motorized construction equipment.</small>		
	IDLING REDUCTION IS OUR GOAL IN CT <small>This is just a friendly reminder to do your part to reduce engine idling, conserve our natural resources and help us all breathe a little easier! Thank you.</small> <i>Gina McCarthy</i> Gina McCarthy Commissioner	

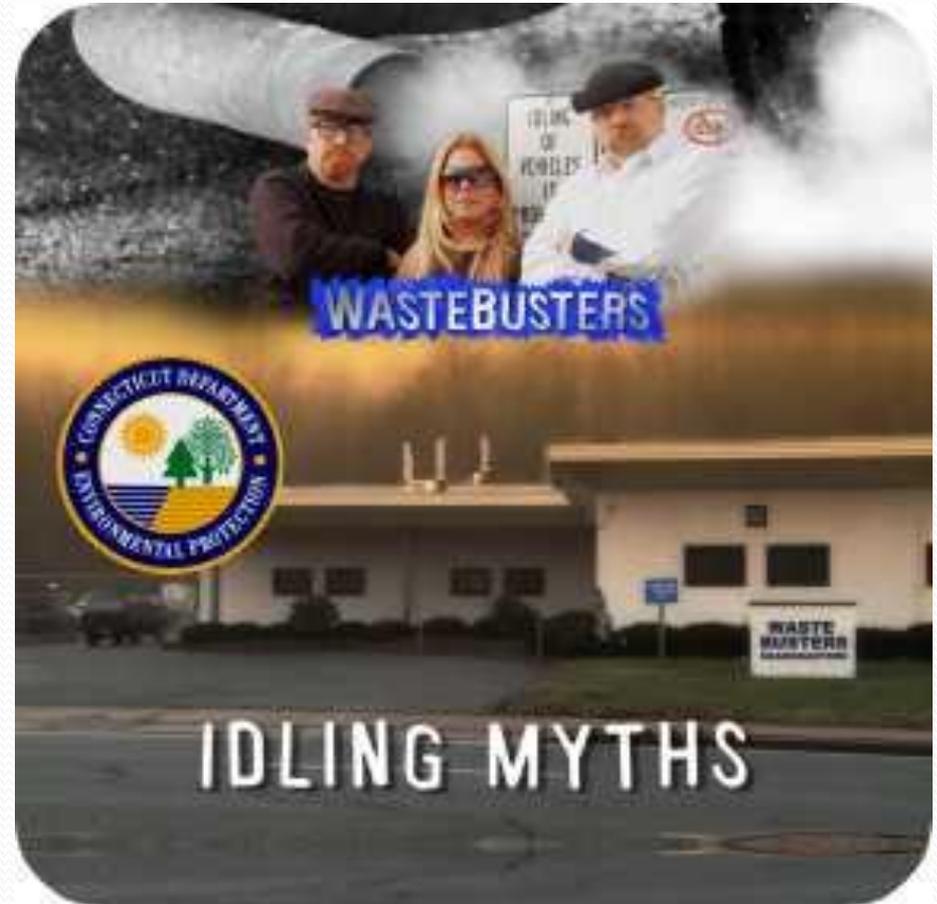
What Outreach has been done?



- Anti – Idling Signs
 - Teraesa Chagnon is providing schools with free signs to post
 - DOT is posting signs at rest areas
 - Air Bureau is working with DOT to post signs in trouble areas in East Haddam
 - Signs are for sale at the DEP store

What Outreach has been done?

- “Waste busters – Idling Myths” movie
 - Helps to separate idling fact from legend
 - Video parody of “Myth busters” TV show
 - Available online at <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=322086#Video>



What Can You Do?

- Take action and stop unnecessary idling
- Spread the word to employees, co – workers, family, friends and neighbors
- Drive your car to warm it
- Do not use remote starters
- Post signs (available from the DEP store) outside your company's building to educate drivers
- Report any unnecessary idling to our Air Quality Complaint Line at (860) 424-3436

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