



Useful Tips

More Ways to help keep the District's air clean:

- Adjust air-fuel ratio.
- Clean or replace air filter.
- Adjust or replace turbocharger.
- Adjust or replace throttle delay and/or puff limiter.
- Adjust governor, fuel rack and injector timing to manufacturer's specifications.
- Clean or replace injector nozzles.
- Reset valve timing.
- Replace fuel pump.
- Invest in an Alternative Power Unit (APU) for your vehicle.



STOP **ENGINE IDLING** OF ONROAD VEHICLES & NONROAD ENGINES IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IDLING FOR MORE THAN 3 MINUTES IS AGAINST THE LAW.

Protect Our Air

- Vehicle exhaust is the single largest source of air pollution in the District.
- Engine idling pollutes the atmosphere, which affects the health of people and the environment.
- Small particulates from diesel engines can lodge in the lungs, aggravating asthma and causing lung damage.
- Pollutants from vehicles contribute to acid rain, ozone formation, and global climate change.

Breathe Easier

- Sitting in an idling vehicle exposes drivers and pedestrians to more pollution than when driving the vehicle.
- You can help protect the residents and visitors of the nations capital.

Save Money

- Reduce your fuel cost: if you idle for more than 30 seconds, you're using more fuel than restarting your engine.
- Reduce engine wear: idling causes excess wear and can shorten the life of your engine.
- Avoid fines: tickets for violations start at \$500 and double for subsequent violations, up to \$4,000.

Learn The Law

20 DCMR § 900.1 prohibits the idling of onroad gasoline or diesel-powered motor vehicles on public or private space for more than three (3) minutes while the vehicle is parked, stopped, or standing, including for the purposes of operating air conditioning or heating equipment.

20 DCMR § 900.2 prohibits the idling of nonroad diesel-powered engines for more than three (3) minutes.

Know The Exceptions

Exclusions Include:

- Idle private passenger vehicles. It is still best not to do so any more than absolutely necessary.
- Idle to operate power take-off equipment, such as dumping beds, cement mixers, refrigeration systems, content delivery, winches or shredders.
- Idle for up to five (5) minutes when the temperature is at or below freezing (32 degrees F).
- Idle nonroad engines for up to fifteen (15) minutes when queuing (i.e., intermittently moving forward to perform work).
- Idle nonroad equipment for safety, servicing, inspection or emergency purposes.

SUSPECT A COMMERCIAL IDLING VIOLATION? REPORT USING THE 311 APP.