



TOWN OF GREENWICH

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ANTI-IDLE POLICY FOR TOWN VEHICLES

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to aid in the reduction of air pollutants emitted from unnecessary idling of vehicle engines as well as reducing fuel costs. An idling engine may use as much as one gallon per hour of fuel and equates to approximately 33 miles of driving.

Vehicle exhaust contributes significantly to air pollution. The Board of selectman adopted an Environmental Action Task Force Energy Policy Resolution on August 14, 2008. Part of this resolution states "FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town evaluate its operations to identify unnecessary energy consuming activities and eliminate these".

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Town departments and vehicles.

POLICY

It is the policy of the Town of Greenwich that all Town of Greenwich fleet vehicles be turned off when the vehicle will be stopped for more than 3 minutes.

Operators of vehicles and supervisors will be judicious in the idling of vehicles at emergency scenes and job sites. If not all vehicles at the scene or job site need to be idling, those vehicles must be turned off.

Exceptions

- When a vehicle is forced to remain motionless because of traffic conditions or mechanical difficulties over which the operator has no control.
- When it is necessary to operate defrosting, heating or cooling equipment to ensure the safety or health of the driver or passengers.
- When it is necessary to operate auxiliary equipment that is located in or on the vehicle to accomplish the intended use of the vehicle.
- To bring the vehicle to the manufacturer's recommended operating temperature.
- When the outdoor temperature is below 20 degrees Fahrenheit (20 degrees F).
- When the vehicle is undergoing maintenance that requires that the vehicle be operated for more than three (3) consecutive minutes.
- When a vehicle is in queue to be inspected by U.S. military personnel prior to gaining access to a U.S. military installation