

Hamden Energy Use and Climate Change Commission

Anti-Idling Recommendations

1. Limit idling for all town vehicles to 1 minute for all occupied vehicles.
2. Unoccupied town vehicles shall not be allowed to idle for any amount of time.
3. Limit idling for all vehicles, public and private, on town property to 1 minute.
4. All unoccupied vehicles on town property shall not be allowed to idle for any amount of time.
5. Limit idling for all vehicles, public and private, on or within 500 ft. of a school property, public or private, to 1 minute.
6. All unoccupied vehicles on or within a school zone, public or private, shall not be allowed to idle for any amount of time.
7. Double fines for all violators of 5 and 6 (on or near school property).

Exceptions to the above:

1. Emergency vehicles, however it is recommended emergency service departments reduce unnecessary idling.
2. Declared State of Emergencies.
3. When the outside temperature is less than 20 °F.
4. During daylight hours, when the outside temperature is greater than 75 °F, and the vehicle's windows do not open. This is to allow the engine to operate the AC, preventing the interior to heat to dangerous temperatures. This exception only applies to occupied vehicles (1, 3, and 5 from above).
5. When specified by the OEM's operator's manual.