What Is Idling?
Idling is running a vehicle engine when it’s not moving.
While some idling is hard to avoid, most idling is wasteful and avoidable.

Why Care About Idling?
**Idling is expensive.**
An idling car wastes up to .5 gallon per hour; a medium-duty truck may waste even more.
While individual episodes may be small, the cumulative impacts of idling are large.

**Idling pollutes.**
Each gallon of fuel burned emits about 20 lbs. of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas.

**Idling threatens health.**
Tailpipe emissions contribute to the formation of ground-level ozone, which can damage lungs.

**Idling can be against the law.**
Idling laws differ by location, vehicle type/weight, fuel type, and outside temperature.

What Can YOU Do About Idling?

**YOU CAN BE AWARE**
- Turn off vehicles when not moving.
- When available, use waiting rooms at depots and assembly areas instead of idling.

**YOU CAN EDUCATE DRIVERS**
- Adopt an idling reduction policy.
- Ask drivers to make a pledge to reduce idling.
- Host an idling reduction workshop or driver training sessions.
- Post signs to remind drivers not to idle at your facility.

For more information about idling, visit cleancities.energy.gov/idlebox