

Waiting for someone?

Learn these facts about leaving your engine running...

FACT: Idling actually increases overall engine wear by causing the car to operate for longer than necessary, which could cost up to \$650 extra per year.
Source: EDF

FACT: Sitting in an idling car means you are breathing in dirty exhaust including carbon monoxide and particulates that leaks into your car's cabin. If you are parked and waiting, it is healthier to get out of your car and go inside a store or building. *Source: EDF*

FACT: Restarting your car does **not** burn more fuel than leaving it idling.
Source: Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)

FACT: The best way to warm up your engine is by easing into your drive and avoiding excessive engine revving. The vehicle's engine warms twice as quickly when driven.
Source: EDF

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Three Reasons to Stop Idling

1. HEALTH PROBLEMS Vehicle emissions contribute to health issues such as asthma, chronic bronchitis, heart disease and cancer.

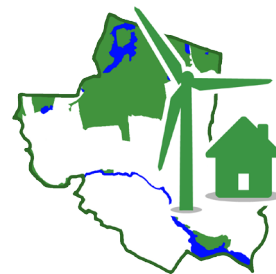
2. WASTE OF MONEY Idling your car wastes gasoline, costing you money. Idling for 10 minutes a day on average would cost you over \$300 every year based on current gas prices.

3. IT'S THE LAW Massachusetts law prohibits excess idling. It's wise to turn off your engine if you're waiting for more than 10 seconds, but it's downright illegal to idle your car for more than 5 minutes. MGL, Chapter 90 Section 16A

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FACT: Just 10 minutes of idling can produce over a **POUND** of carbon dioxide gas.

Sources: makealeap.org & EPA



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