



# NJ Idling Regulations

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## NO - do NOT idle:

- For more than three minutes under most circumstances
- [DIESEL] For more than 15 consecutive minutes when the vehicle has been stopped for 3 or more hours and ONLY if temperature is <25 deg. F
- A bus, for more than 15 consecutive minutes in a 60 minute period while actively discharging or picking up passengers
- In a parking space with electrification technology

## YES - you MAY idle:

- If you are stopped in traffic
- If your engine provides power for mechanical operations such as: refrigeration units for perishable goods, hydraulic lifts, "cherry pickers", or similar equipment
- If you are waiting to be examined by state or federal motor vehicle inspectors
- If your vehicle is being repaired, and the engine must be running to effect the repair.

- While actively performing emergency services: fire, police, snow removal, and utility vehicles
- When the driver is resting or sleeping in the sleeper berth in a non-residential area IF the vehicle has a 2007 or newer engine, OR has been retrofitted with a diesel particulate filter

## DO:

- Use an APU for cabin comfort, as long as the main engine is shut off
- Plug in if you have an AC/DC converter or "shorepower"

## DON'T:

- Idle during meals or breaks
- Idle while waiting to get into, or while on the work site
- Idle at the loading dock or during delivery stops
- Allow idling to occur at your facility
- Waste fuel by idling excessively or unnecessarily
- Create unnecessary air pollution

## PENALTIES: Commercial vehicle and property owners:

\$250 – 1st violation; \$500 – 2nd; \$1000 – 3rd



Questions?

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