

ATTENTION: HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE OPERATORS
SAVE MONEY AND PROTECT YOUR HEALTH
by reducing unnecessary idling

**Turn Off
Your Engine**



**BREATHE BETTER
SAVE MONEY**

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What can you do to reduce unnecessary idling?

- **Turn off your engine.**
- Don't idle for more than **3 minutes**.
- Follow company's written idle reduction policy.
- Observe posted NCDQA "Turn Off Your Engine" signs in no-idle zones.
- When loading/unloading, use the vehicle engine only to power necessary equipment.
- Use truck stops that provide electricity and other services.

Be an air freshener,
Don't idle!


Reduce unnecessary idling,
TURN OFF YOUR ENGINE!

Myth: Diesel engines should idle at least 5 minutes in the morning, especially in the winter.

Fact: Most engine manufacturers recommend that newer diesel engines run for no more than 3 minutes before driving. Idling your engine does more damage to your engine than turning the engine off and on.

Myth: Idling doesn't waste/pollute much.

Fact: Idling for one hour burns a gallon or more in a heavy-duty diesel vehicle. That money out of the exhaust pipe.

 **1 hour of idling**
=
1 gallon of diesel

For more information on idle-reduction in NC
Visit <http://www.ncair.org/motor/idle>