

IDLING MYTHS

MYTH #1 “*The engine should be warmed up for long periods prior to driving*”

REALITY: Idling is not an effective way to warm up an engine. Today’s engines only need 30 seconds of idling before they are able to drive and driving them is the fastest way to warm the engine

MYTH #2 “*Idling is good for the engine and restarting my vehicle all the time is bad for the engine and uses more gas than if you leave the engine running*”

REALITY: Excessive idling can actually cause more damage than restarting engines. Idling costs more money in the long run and reduced gas usage from less idling more than pays the extra maintenance costs from the minor wear and tear from the extra starting

MYTH # “*I need to have my car running to listen to the radio*”

REALITY: Today’s modern vehicles do not need the vehicle running to keep auxiliary power. Batteries can last for several hours before dying. The Ipswich Police Department will be on scene with jump packs as an extra backup for Special Town Meeting if needed.



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**MASSACHUSETTS NO
IDLING LAWS
For School drop off and
pickups**

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HELP REDUCE IDLING IN IPSWICH!!!

WHILE WAITING TO PICKUP OR DROP OFF YOUR CHILD IN LINE (NOT ACTIVELY PICKING UP OR DROPPING OFF) PLEASE SHUT YOUR VEHICLE OFF TO KEEP THE AIR CLEANER FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AS IT'S THE LAW!

KEEP YOUR CAR WELL MAINTAINED TO INCREASE GAS MILEAGE AND DECREASE EMISSION.

REDUCE VEHICLE WARM-UP IDLING TO 30 SECONDS, EVEN IN THE COLD WEATHER.

AVOID USING A REMOTE STARTER.

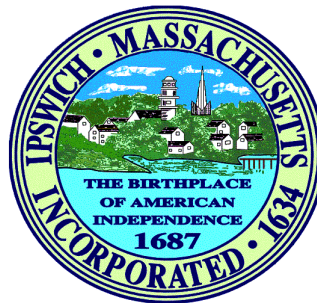
SPREAD THE WORD!!! MOST PEOPLE ARE UNAWARE OF THE LAW REGARDING EXCESSIVE IDLING IN MASSACHUSETTS.

KNOW THE LAWS!!!

MGL c. 90 s, 16A

“No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the unnecessary operation of the engine of a motor vehicle while said vehicle is stopped for a foreseeable period in excess of five minutes.”

This means that if you expect to be stopped for more than five minutes, you must turn off your engine or risk getting a ticket with fines up to \$105 for a first offense and up to \$505 for each subsequent offense



DO YOUR PART!!!

MGL c. 90 s, 16B

“No person shall cause, suffer, allow or permit the prolonged idling of a motor vehicle engine on school property.”

There are several exemptions to this law on school properties such as:

- 1—actively picking up or dropping of children (line is moving)
- 2—Cold or Hot weather - If the exterior temperature is less than 35° F or over 80° F then idling of a vehicle is allowed for 1 minute every 15 minute period to heat or cool the interior of the vehicle (if vehicle is equipped with AC and it is not practical to open windows or park in shaded area) when the vehicle is not actively waiting to accept or discharge students.