

University Policy: No Idling

Policy Category: Environmental and Compliance Policy

Subject: No Engine Idling Law

Office responsible For Annual Review of this Policy: Facilities Management

Procedures: No Engine Idling

Related University Polices: University Driving Program

I. SCOPE

This policy and procedure applies to all who operate American University leased and/or owned vehicles and equipment.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

Consistent with the District of Colombia municipal regulation title 20 Chapter 9 section 900 no engine idling law, and American University's commitment to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the purpose of this policy is to reduce vehicle emissions by prohibiting unnecessary engine idling.

III. DEFINITIONS

Equipment: Tractors, Mowers, Street and Turf sweepers, Fork lifts

Leased: Rented Vehicles /Equipment

Vehicle: Buses, Passenger and Cargo Vans, Trucks and Cars

IV. POLICY

The engine of a gasoline or diesel powered motor vehicle and/or equipment shall not idle for more than three (3) minutes while the motor vehicle is parked, stopped, or standing, including for the purpose of

operating air conditioning equipment in those vehicles, except as follows:

- (A) To operate power takeoff equipment including, dumping, digging, delivery, winches, salt spreaders;
- (B) To idle the engine for five (5) minutes to operate heating equipment when the ambient air temperature is thirty-two degrees Fahrenheit (32°F) or below;
- (C) To build up manufacturer recommended air pressure on Vehicles equipped with air brakes:
- All shuttle operators must turn bus engine off during their lunch and other break periods and make every effort to reduce idle time between scheduled routes to three (3) minutes or less;
 - Maintenance Technicians must turn off the engine of the buses and all other vehicles after completing maintenance work or required start up safety inspections;
 - All other authorized users of American University vehicles including student groups must turn their vehicle engine off after three (3) minutes of Idling.

V. EFFECTIVE DATE

November 17, 2009

VI. SIGNATURE, TITLE, AND DATE OF APPROVAL



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