


# IDLE-FREE CAMPAIGN!!!!

Perhaps you've observed a person sitting in their parked vehicle with the engine running minute after minute, chatting on a cell phone, a truck idling while unattended, a non-refrigerated truck left running as a delivery is made, or a caravan of construction vehicles spewing diesel fumes for an extended period of time at various locations throughout the University. Little are these drivers aware of this harmful and wasteful practice that occurs every day.

Columbia University has developed an **Idle-Free Campaign** to help meet the NYC and Columbia University's goals around clean air, greenhouse gas reductions, noise reduction, and efficient resource use. Simply, the goal of the Idle-Free Campaign is to raise awareness of idling and educate the community.



According to the NY Admin Code 24-163, **it is illegal to idle a non-emergency motor vehicle for more than three (3) minutes. Idling of Vehicle Engines is Prohibited!**

**No Engine Idling:** No person shall cause or permit the engine of any vehicle, other than a legally authorized emergency motor vehicle, to idle for longer than three (3) minutes while parking, standing, or stopping unless the engine is being used to operate a loading, unloading, or processing device.

**Fines may be applied if caught idling in the grove area. The penalties for such a violation range from \$250 to \$2000.**

## **FACTS:**

- **SAVE MONEY:** Plain and simple, idling gets 0 MPG. A warmed up, parked vehicle in almost any circumstance should not idle for more than 30 seconds. At this point, it's better to shut the engine off and restart when ready to drive. And when warming up a cold engine, even in subfreezing weather, 30 seconds usually suffices. Driving is the best way to warm up.
- **IMPROVE AIR QUALITY/IMPROVE OUR HEALTH:** Despite the latest in advanced emission controls for light-duty vehicles, factors such as vehicle age, state of maintenance, wear of emissions components, and colder weather lead to increased harmful emissions at idle that can affect our respiratory systems. Medium and heavy-duty vehicles, many equipped with diesel engines and less restrictive emissions controls, cause significantly higher levels of harmful emissions when idling.
- **SLOW THE ADVANCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE:** Vehicle exhaust emissions also contain carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) a leading contributor to climate change.

# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CURRENT IDLING REGULATIONS IN EFFECT IN NYC & NYS

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# Regulaciones Actuales por andar al relanti en el área de la Universidad de Columbia Vigente en NYC & NYS

El Código de la Administración de NYC 24-163



**ATENCIÓN: Es ilegal andar al ralenti de un automóvil que no es de emergencia por mas de tres (3) minutos.**

**Andar al ralenti de un Vehículo de Motores Es Prohibido!**

**No se permite andar al ralenti:** Solamente las personas que anden en un vehículos autorizados legalmente de emergencia serán permitido a andar en su vehiculó al ralenti por mas de tres (3) minutos para cargar, descargar, o procesar algún dispositivo.

**Usted será multado si es encontrado andando en el área de arboleda. Las penas por tal gamas de infracción serán entre \$250.00 a \$2000.00.**

