

Supporting a cleaner, greener Boeing Field...

King County Anti-idling policy

Vehicles that are idling produce carbon, which forms greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Greenhouse gases are a primary cause of climate change or global warming.

The King County Executive issued a policy intended to reduce idling by non-revenue vehicles in January 2007. In keeping with this policy, King County International Airport is urging your cooperation. **Please don't let your vehicle idle for more than three minutes in a 60-minute period.**

Exemptions to the policy include:

- ◆ When yielding to emergency vehicles.
- ◆ At a traffic signal or sign.
- ◆ At the direction of a law enforcement official.
- ◆ To prevent a safety or health emergency.
- ◆ In emergency or training mode.
- ◆ For maintenance, service, repair, or diagnostic purposes.
- ◆ As part of a state or federal inspection.

Why you should care

- ◆ The average American takes 20,000 breaths — using 3,400 gallons of air — each day.
- ◆ Carbon monoxide reduces the ability of blood to bring oxygen to body cells and tissues.
- ◆ Exposure to vehicle exhaust increases your risk of death from heart and lung disease and lung cancer.
- ◆ Vehicle exhaust is the leading source of toxic air pollution in Washington.
- ◆ Diesel exhaust contains microscopic soot, a particle that is about 200 times smaller than the period at the end of this sentence. It also contains 40 chemicals that are classified as hazardous air pollutants under the federal Clean Air Act.

Save fuel costs, save emissions, save engine wear and tear, save air quality. Monitor and reduce vehicle idling time at the airport!

Request free "No-Idle Zone" signs for your business from the Puget Sound Clear Air Agency by e-mailing amyw@pscleanair.org.

Did you know?

- ◆ Idling produces more emissions per minute than driving.
- ◆ Idling consumes up to 1 gallon of fuel per hour and wastes more fuel than turning your engine off and on again.
- ◆ Idling for two minutes uses the same amount of fuel it takes to travel one mile.
- ◆ Idling for 10 minutes a day uses over 27 gallons of fuel in a year.
- ◆ It is more efficient to turn off most warmed-up vehicles than to idle for more than 30 seconds.
- ◆ Excessive idling can actually be hard on an engine because fuel combustion is incomplete and some fuel residues condense on cylinder walls.

