California's 5-minute Idling Rules are Enforced

Know the rules and your options

Trucks can idle for 5 minutes everywhere in California. Any law enforcement department, including air districts and CARB, can fine a 10,000 pound or greater truck owner and driver up to $1000 per day for illegal idling (13 CCR 2480 & 2485).

Where can't trucks idle for more than 5 minutes?

Within 100 feet of these restricted areas, even with a certified Clean Idle engine/sticker or while queuing:

Homes   Schools   Hospitals

Senior Care Facilities   Childcare Facilities

When can trucks idle for more than 5 minutes?

☑ With certified Clean Idle engines and while queuing in unrestricted areas
☑ In adverse weather conditions
☑ Using power take-off devices
☑ In traffic
☑ During mechanical failure
☑ For certain inspections

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What are the benefits of not idling?

💵 Save money

- Restarting a truck uses less fuel than idling.
- Between ½ and 1 gallon of fuel is used for every hour of idling.
- At $4 per gallon, a diesel truck idling for only an hour per work day can cost $500 - $1000 annually.
- Save on maintenance costs and increase the life of the vehicle: Idling an engine can cause twice the wear and tear on engines as driving at regular speeds.

🏠 Quieter for your neighbors

🫁 Less air pollution means fewer illnesses and deaths from lung and heart diseases

How can you stay comfortable in the cab?

- Use battery-powered auxiliary power systems.
- Use electric hook-ups that provide heating, cooling, and electricity.
- When possible, open windows and wear layers.

> **Myth:** Diesel particulate filter (DPF) regeneration requires idling.
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> **Fact:** DPF regeneration passively occurs at driving speed engine temperatures. To achieve the temperature needed to regenerate the DPF while idling requires injecting about ½ gallon of fuel into the engine on top of the fuel already wasted during idling.

**When in doubt, turn it off.
For you, your family, your friends,
and your community.**

Visit arb.ca.gov/noidle for more information CARB's idling rules.