



# **We Can Stop Idling!**

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# What is Idling?



**Idling is when a car, truck, bus, or motorcycle engine is on, or running, but the vehicle is not moving.**



**Idling causes pollution.**

# Some Examples of Idling

**Turning on your car to warm up the engine before driving.**



**Turning on your  
car and heater  
so it's toasty  
warm when you  
get in.**



**Turning on your engine and air-conditioning so your car is cool when it's time to go somewhere in summer.**



**Talking on  
your cell  
phone in a  
parking lot  
with the  
engine  
running.**



# Idling Costs Money

**Ten seconds of idling uses more fuel than it takes to start the car.**



**If you idle every day of the school year (180 days) for 20 minutes - 10 minutes in the morning and 10 minutes after school - you will waste approximately \$1,620.00.**



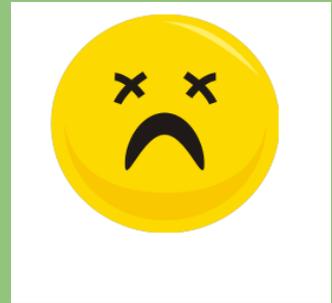
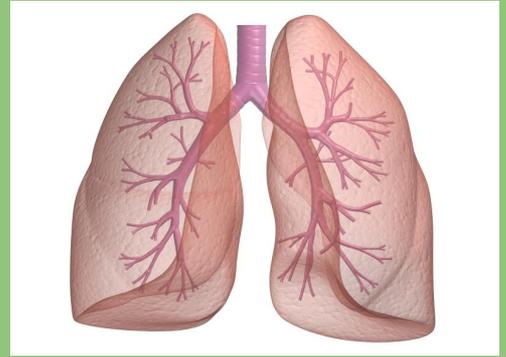
**Idling actually  
damages your car's  
engine.**

**A new engine can  
cost more than  
\$4,000.00.**



# Idling Causes Health Problems

- **Idling can cause lung disease and asthma.**
- **Idling is especially bad for children and the elderly.**
- **Fine particulate matter can cause premature death! =(**



# Idling Pollutes the Earth

**Idling is a  
cause of  
climate  
change.**



**Idling harms animals  
and their habitats and  
can lead to their  
extinction.**



**Idling  
reduces  
our quality  
of life.**



# **How to Educate Our Community**

- **Tell drivers that the best way to warm up a car is to drive it.**
- **Remind your family and friends to turn their engines off when they are not driving.**
- **Just don't idle!**

# Remember:



# MYERS ANTI-IDLING ICON (PICTURE) CONTEST!

- DO YOU WANT TO BREATHE CLEANER AIR?
- DO YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY?
- DO YOU WANT TO HELP OUR PLANET STAY HEALTHY?
- DO YOU LIKE TO DRAW?

IF YOU ANSWERED "YES" TO ANY OF THESE QUESTIONS, YOU ARE READY TO CREATE AN ICON FOR OUR ANTI-IDLING CAMPAIGN!

THE WINNING ICON WILL BE MANUFACTURED AND DISPLAYED ON SIGNPOSTS AROUND MYERS SCHOOL .

## RULES:

CREATE AN ORIGINAL ICON (PICTURE) TO ENCOURAGE OUR COMMUNITY TO STOP ENGINE IDLING.

THE ICON SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 12" X 12".

SUBMISSIONS DUE TO MRS. RUBIN BY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>.

QUESTIONS? STOP BY ROOM 317

OR CONTACT MRS. RUBIN AT [mrubin@cheltenham.org](mailto:mrubin@cheltenham.org).



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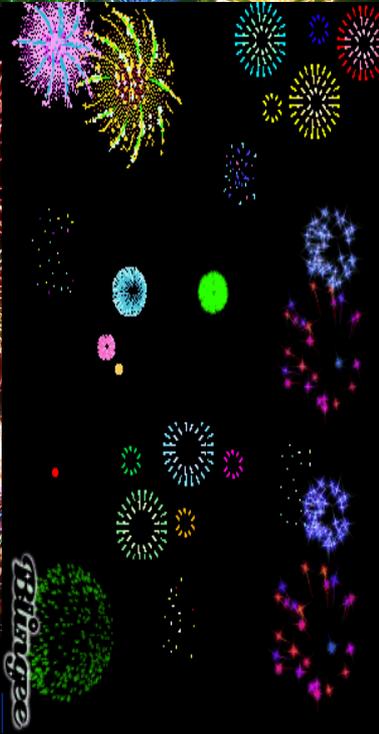
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