

A friendly reminder...

Dear Resident

This notice is to inform you that we have recently received a complaint about your vehicle idling for extended periods of time. This is just a friendly reminder that on June 14, 2004 Burlington city council passed by-law 71-2004 that limits unnecessary idling to three minutes or less, with some exceptions.

Vehicle emissions are a leading cause of today's environmental problems. Acid rain, urban smog and climate change are just a handful of the serious environmental dangers that vehicle emissions contribute to.

Avoiding unnecessary idling is a simple way to reduce vehicle emissions and to improve our air quality. Poor air quality has a number of negative effects on our health that includes: eye, nose and throat irritations, coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath.

The most effective way to warm up your vehicle is to drive, not idle. Today's modern engines usually need no more than 30 seconds of idling on winter days, providing there is no frost, before you drive.

If you are going to be stopped for more than 10 seconds the best way to reduce air pollution, conserve fuel and protect your engine is to turn your vehicle off. Restarting your vehicle has very little impact on your engine components such as the battery and starter motor. If you idle for more than 10 seconds you will actually use more fuel than if you turn your vehicle off and restart.



We can all do our part to reduce vehicle emissions by avoiding all unnecessary idling. Idling is harmful to your health, our environment and your engine.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or the City of Burlington's anti-idling by-law please contact the City of Burlington at 905-335-7600 ext. 7580.

Spare our air. Stop unnecessary idling.