



ANTI-IDLING POLICY

Applicability: All CVRD corporate vehicles

Effective Date: May 1, 2016

PURPOSE:

The CVRD is committed to leading by example when it comes to environmental sustainability. This policy for reducing emissions produced by CVRD corporate vehicles will help improve air quality, lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce CVRD operational expenses and encourage CVRD residents to do the same.

POLICY:

1. CVRD vehicles are not to be left running when the operator is absent from the vehicle unless exempted.
2. CVRD vehicles are not permitted to idle more than 2 minutes unless exempted.
3. CVRD vehicles are not to idle near building intakes or entrances, school grounds, or groups of people.
4. To minimize idling, CVRD staff should:
 - a. use a scraper to clean windows while the defrost is running to minimize the defrost cycle;
 - b. consider installation of block heaters, when possible, on vehicles needing a longer warm up time in the winter; and
 - c. install LED lighting and back-up batteries on vehicles that are required to idle to provide illumination.

Exemptions

1. Emergency Services and other CVRD vehicles are permitted to idle at the scene of an emergency, or situations demanding immediate action or attention, to address critical health or safety issues where lights and other accessories are needed in order to respond to the situation.
2. Emergency Services and other CVRD vehicles may idle during a non-emergency response situation where necessary to perform the job at hand and keep the vehicle battery charged.
3. Emergency Service and other CVRD vehicles which have contents sensitive to extreme heat or cold may be allowed to idle as necessary to maintain adequate internal temperatures.
4. Any vehicle that needs to maintain adequate internal temperatures to support employees who may otherwise suffer heat stroke or hypothermia may idle as necessary.
5. Any vehicle that needs to run during service or repair is permitted to idle only for as long as necessary.

6. Any vehicle that needs to defrost its windshield and windows in order to drive safely is permitted to idle only for as long as it takes to defrost and maintain a clear windshield.
7. Diesel powered vehicles and equipment will be allowed to warm up for longer periods of time depending on the outside temperature where block heaters cannot be installed.

Approved by: CVRD Senior
Management Team
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