

What you should know about Idling

The Pennington Environmental Commission has identified idling vehicles as an important issue in our Borough. Vehicle exhaust is hazardous to human health, especially that of children. Idling wastes gas and costs money. An idling vehicle causes unnecessary pollution, emitting 20 times more pollutants than a vehicle traveling at 30 miles per hour. Idling is illegal on both public and private property per NJ motor vehicle statute C. 39:3-70.2. Violators may be liable for a minimum fine of \$250.

Idling vehicles are especially prominent near our schools during afternoon pick up times, and outside many of our stores and restaurants as people “run in” to pick up an order. We urge all residents to learn more about the problem of idling vehicles here: https://hopewellvalleygreenteam.org/stop_idling/. And then review their own habits to identify times when they might be idling unnecessarily and pledge to reduce their idle time.