

Summary of N.J. Idling Requirements for Motor Vehicles

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All vehicles may idle for up to three minutes with the following exceptions:

- DIESEL only may idle for up to 15 consecutive minutes when the vehicle has been stopped for 3 or more hours and ONLY if the outside temperature is <25 degrees F
- Buses may idle while actively discharging or picking up passengers for 15 consecutive minutes in a 60-minute period
- No idling is allowed in a parking space with available and functioning electrification technology

Three-minute idling limit does NOT apply to:

- Motor vehicles stopped in traffic
- Motor vehicles whose primary power source is utilized in whole or in part for necessary and prescribed mechanical operations such as refrigeration units for perishable loads, hydraulic lifts, “cherry pickers”, or similar equipment
- Motor vehicles waiting to be examined by state or federal motor vehicle inspectors or motor vehicles while being repaired
- Vehicles that are actively performing emergency services, such as fire, police, snow removal, and utility vehicles
- Operation of auxiliary or alternate power systems for cabin comfort
- A motor vehicle with a sleeper berth, equipped with a 2007 or newer engine, or that has been retrofitted with a diesel particulate filter *while the driver is resting or sleeping in the sleeper berth*. Other idling is still prohibited.

PENALTIES: For commercial vehicle and property owner, \$250 for first violation, \$500 for second violation, \$1000 for third and each subsequent violation.

For further questions, call NJDEP’s Bureau of Mobile Sources at (609) 292-7953.