



## Vehicle Idling Policy

The purpose of this policy is to eliminate unnecessary idling of all vehicles on Library property. Vehicle idling wastes fuel, degrades air quality, and causes unnecessary emission of pollutants and greenhouse gases that enhance the natural greenhouse effect. This policy is in accordance with New York State's Climate Act which requires New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent by 2030.

Sachem Public Library seeks to continually improve the efficient use of vehicle fuels in an effort to reduce emissions and operating costs. To reduce overall emission and improve air quality, all vehicles on library property are prohibited to idle unnecessarily. Vehicle operators will adhere to the following standards:

1. Idling is prohibited (with the limited exceptions listed below) when the ambient temperature is above 32° F.
2. 5-minute maximum idle time limit when ambient temperature is 32° F and below.
3. Vehicles will not be left idling when the operator is away from the vehicle (with the limited exceptions listed below).
4. Idling is prohibited in 'No Idle Zones'. Signs indicate the location of these zones.

**The following exceptions apply to the above policy:**

- Emergency response vehicles when responding to an emergency.
- Vehicles that must remain a specific temperature for onboard materials.
- Health or safety reasons (e.g., severe weather conditions, use of vehicle safety features).
- Below 0° F for diesel vehicles.
- Traffic conditions – Supervisors may approve exemptions for specific vehicles if necessary.

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