



Care for Clean Air, Be Idle-Free!

What is Idling?

Idling is leaving a vehicle's engine running while the vehicle is not moving, for example, waiting in a school pick-up line.



Idling vehicles are harmful to the environment. They emit pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and volatile organic compounds into the air.

Health Effects



Children are especially vulnerable to the health effects of air pollution from car exhaust. Studies have shown that consistent exposure to polluted air can impact children's cognitive development.



Harmful pollutants emitted from idling can cause asthma attacks, allergies, respiratory problems, decreased lung function, and other health issues.



How You Can Help



Turn off your engine while waiting in school pick-up and drop-off lines.



Carpool, walk, or bike to school.



Enable your vehicle's auto stop/start feature if the technology is available.

By reducing idling time, you can help improve air quality and protect your community's health. The Maricopa County Air Quality Department offers tools and resources to help schools develop idle-free plans at [Maricopa.gov/5928](https://www.maricopa.gov/5928).

