

More information about idling can be found from a variety of sources including:

Climate Change North

<http://www.climatechangenorth.ca>

Office of Energy Efficiency

<http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/communities-government/idling/11901>

The Olds Advisory Group for Sustainable Living is committed to the sustainability of our community. For more information please see the Olds Strategic Sustainability Plan available at:  
<http://www.olds.ca/osp.pdf>

# Idle Free Olds



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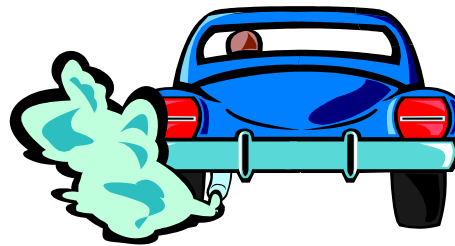
## The Truth About Idling

- Idling contributes to air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions, increases engine wear and increases fuel consumption.
- Vehicles warm up fastest while driven. Most modern vehicles only need to idle for a few seconds before driving.
- Using a block heater for two hours prior to driving will warm up the engine and has been known to help improve fuel economy. Use an automatic timer to switch on the block heater for increased efficiency.
- To reduce idling you can also turn off your vehicle when waiting, talking with friends and running quick errands.
- Ordinarily gasoline fueled vehicles do not need to warm up for more than 30 seconds before driving (as long as the windshield is not fogged up). Diesel vehicles usually don't need to idle for more than 3 to 5 minutes according to manufacturers specifications.

## Idling in Our Community

Idling bylaws have been passed in several municipalities across Alberta and across the county.

The Olds Advisory Group for Sustainable Living is working to provide residents with information about idling to help encourage voluntary participation as we work to limit idling in our community.



## Vehicle Efficiency

Other ways to increase the efficiency of your vehicle include:

- Ensuring you have proper air pressure in your tires
- Follow the maintenance recommendations for your vehicle
- Remove unnecessary cargo to lighten the load
- Combine your errands. By planning out your trip in advance you can significantly reduce the kilometers travelled.