
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH STORMONT

Title: Vehicle and Equipment Anti-Idling Policy	Effective Date: October 8, 2008
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1. POLICY

The Township of South Stormont staff authorized to drive or operate fleet vehicle and equipment shall reduce or eliminate the time vehicles and equipment spend idling, at every opportunity.

Except when unavoidable (such as in stop-and-go traffic), idling is a needless and wasteful practice. It does not benefit vehicles, equipment or the environment.

2. PURPOSE

In order to conserve fuel, reduce harmful emissions and prevent excessive wear on Township of South Stormont fleet vehicles and equipment, the following procedures are to be adhered to.

3. PROCEDURE

- a) When vehicles (or equipment) are started at the beginning of shift a reasonable running time of two (2) minutes is acceptable to ensure fluid circulation – i.e. engine oil, coolant and transmission fluid.
- b) Vehicles with Air Brakes will require a minimum idling time sufficient to build up a reserve of air pressure to operate the air brake system.
- c) Winter and extreme cold conditions may require longer idling times before use to ensure window defrosting and defogging can be undertaken. Prior to start-up ensure that snow and ice are removed as this generates unnecessary idling.
- d) When vehicles are standing on site, at a given destination or in a situation where running is not required for safe operation, engines are to be shut down.
- e) When 4 way flashers, roof lights or two-way radios are required on a standing vehicle, the engine should be run intermittently (only) to maintain battery charge.

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