



**i•dle**

**ADJECTIVE**

1. **not active or in use.**
2. **without purpose or effect; pointless.**

## **IDLE LESS** for Healthy Air!

### **Where do we idle our vehicles?**

- **Schools**, waiting to pick up students?
- **Doctor's offices**, waiting for patients?
- **Drive-thru** restaurants, coffee shops, pharmacies or banks?
- **Parking lots**, railroad crossings, in your driveway?
- **While waiting** to pick someone up at stores or after work?

Often, we simply **IDLE OUT OF HABIT**, without thinking about polluting the air, harming health or wasting fuel.

When idling isn't needed, park and **turn the engine off**. If idling is necessary, try to keep it under five minutes at a time.



**HEALTHY AIR  
IS IN OUR HANDS  
IDLE LESS**



## THINK about it:

### Idle less to:

- Save money on fuel.
- Minimize wear on your vehicle.
- Reduce air pollution.
- Make the air healthier to breathe.
- Protect the health of those in and near your vehicle.

## COUNT to 10:

Idling more than 10 seconds uses more fuel than turning off the engine and restarting.

For more information, including seasonal tips to reduce idling and facts about how **idling harms health and vehicles**, visit:



**PIMA COUNTY**

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

**Vehicle idle reduction webpage:**

**[www.pima.gov/deq](http://www.pima.gov/deq)**

**or call: 520.724.7446**

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