



Florida's Idle Reduction Regulations for Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicles

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has adopted an [Idle Rule](#), effective December 15, 2008, to conserve fuel and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

What is the requirement?

Owners or operators of heavy-duty diesel engine powered motor vehicles are prohibited from idling for more than five consecutive minutes. Idling is the continuous operation of a vehicle's main drive engine while the vehicle is stopped.

Does this rule apply to me?

This rule applies to you, if you are the owner or operator of:

- an on-road heavy-duty diesel engine powered motor vehicle
- with a gross vehicle weight rating equal to or greater than 8,500 pounds;
- used on roads for the transportation of passengers or freight; and
- serving a commercial, governmental or public purpose.

Are there situations where idling is allowed?

Yes, idling under the following situations is acceptable:

- You are stopped for traffic conditions.
- If you operate a bus, 10 minutes prior to passenger loading and when passengers are on board.
- When your vehicle is being inspected or serviced.
- If you operate an armored vehicle and remain inside or operate an emergency vehicle being used in an emergency or training capacity.
- To accomplish work for which the vehicle is designed other than propulsion (e.g., collecting solid or recyclable material, controlling cargo temperature, or operating hoist, drill, etc.)
- To operate equipment to prevent a safety or health emergency.
- Idling while sleeping or resting in a sleeper berth. This exemption expires at midnight on September 30, 2013.

Please visit <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/rules/fac/62-285.pdf> for a complete list of exemptions

Where can I get more information?

Please visit http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/msc/mobile_sources.htm or contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at 1-850-488-1344.



Other laws, regulations, and restrictions may apply. Nothing in this fact sheet or in the referenced regulation sections allows idling in excess of other applicable laws, regulations, and restrictions.