

### **500.8 Idling Vehicles**

Engine emissions are increasingly connected to a wide variety of health complaints and contribute to global warming. Turning off a vehicle is a simple and cost-effective way to reduce noise, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, protect health, and extend engine life. Facilities Management employees using Colorado State University gasoline or diesel powered passenger vehicles and light trucks should turn them off if idling more than a minute. Larger diesel vehicles operating under heavy load should be allowed to idle for a few minutes to cool down. Vehicles should never be left running while unattended. The operator of the vehicle/equipment should turn off the unit and remove the keys from the ignition. Success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, respect and cooperation of all drivers. Facilities Management employees are expected to adhere to this policy and encouraged to educate and inform all other staff, faculty, and students as well as external contractors, vendors, and others who deliver supplies or convey passengers to and from campus facilities. Discretion is advised during extremely cold conditions or should adhering to this policy create a safety issue or disrupt work.