

Executive Order 09-05
DeKalb County, Georgia's Policy
For Idling of County Vehicles

WHEREAS, DeKalb County desires to become more environmentally responsible with regard to the use of county property; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County is committed to providing a safe, healthy and productive environment for all persons; and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County desires to improve the health and safety of all individuals in and around the county and reduce risks associated with exposure to exhaust, and

WHEREAS, DeKalb County desires to reduce the county's fuel consumption and decrease engine wear; and

WHEREAS, the use of county vehicles should be tied to a legitimate purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County hereby establishes a policy that will govern DeKalb County employees' use of county vehicles while idling, as follows:

1. Effective immediately, all county vehicles, except public safety and emergency response vehicles, shall limit idling to five minutes or less.
2. During a morning start-up, vehicles should idle no longer than necessary to bring engines to proper operating temperatures, defrost all windows and operate all heaters, air conditioners or other equipment to ensure the safety and health of the driver and all passengers.
3. In temperatures that are less than 40 degrees, idle time shall be limited to what is recommended by the manufacturer (generally three to five minutes).
4. In temperatures that are more than 93 degrees, idling will be permitted on work sites where cooling off of employees is necessary.
5. County vehicles should not be restarted until the vehicle is ready to depart and there is a clear path to exit.
6. All service delivery vehicles shall turn off the engines while making deliveries.
7. This policy shall not apply to vehicles that use the vehicle engine to operate tools and equipment while working on a job site or vehicles that are used as rehabilitation stations for employees.
8. Those employees who fail to follow this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chief Executive Officer that all DeKalb County departments adhere to the aforementioned policy as it relates to the idling of county vehicles.

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This order is effective immediately.

So issued this 1 day of July, 2009.



W. BURRELL ELLIS, JR.
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia