Idling Vehicles Policy

Policy Statement

Marywood University is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, staff and guests. 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. For these reasons, Marywood University has adopted the following Idling Vehicles Policy. This policy is applicable to Marywood University employees and students, as well as independent contractors and vendors.

Procedures

Employees and students using personal or Marywood University owned gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles and light trucks must turn them off if idling more than 30 seconds. Larger diesel vehicles operating under heavy load may be allowed to idle for 3 minutes to cool down. Vehicles may not be left running while unattended. The operator of the vehicle/equipment should turn off the unit and remove the keys from the ignition when not in use.

Visitors to campus, including bus drivers, contractors, and vendors, are subject to the same policy as employees and students and will be asked to comply.

This policy does not apply if the outside temperature is below 32 degrees F or greater than 90 degrees F. Refrigerated trucks are also exempt.

The success of this policy depends upon the thoughtfulness, respect and cooperation of all drivers. All students, employees, faculty, staff, and visitors share the responsibility of following and encouraging compliance with the policy. Employees and students who fail to comply with this policy may be subject to disciplinary action. Clients, contractors and visitors who fail to comply with this policy may be asked to leave the campus, be denied access to the campus and/or be subject to other appropriate measures taken to ensure future compliance with the policy. Should anyone refuse cooperation, Campus Safety officers may be summoned to assist in the matter and respond accordingly, such as placing visitors on trespass notification should they fail to comply and requesting that they leave University premises.

Related Policies

History of Policy
05/16/13 – Approved/established by the President of the University as recommended by the Policy Committee of the University.

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