

The B^{SCHOOL}reeze

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Hamilton County Environmental Services Air Quality Management Division

Free Classroom Resources!

- Tool Kits
- Lesson Plans
- School Presentations
- Web Sites
- Activity Books
- 2007 Calendars



For more information on resources available, contact Nan Frient at nan.frient@hamilton-co.org or at (513) 946-7754.

TEACHERS WANTED FOR ANTI-IDLING CAMPAIGN

Hamilton County Environmental Services (HCES) is looking for teachers interested in including their classrooms or schools in the free anti-idling campaign. Teachers and students can win prizes while learning and spreading awareness about the effects of idling cars outside of schools and in the community.

HCES will provide participating classrooms or schools with brochures explaining the anti-idling campaign, anti-idling giveaways, anti-idling pledge

cards to be signed by students and their parents and other materials. The pledge cards can be returned to HCES for a chance to win Reds tickets!

If you are interested, please contact Nan Frient at HCES by phone at (513) 946-7754 or by email at nan.frient@hamilton-co.org to request an Anti-Idling Campaign Tool Kit. Remember – you have the power to “Turn The Key, Be Idle Free!”



Idling is leaving a vehicle running when it is in park or not in use.

Idling - What's the big deal?

Vehicle exhaust can have detrimental effects on the health of students in your district. Idling happens without much thought since people assume it's more convenient and more efficient than turning off the vehicle.

But that's wrong! Idling is harmful to our air quality, our health, our cars and our wallets!

Cars are the number one source of air pollution in the Greater Cincinnati area, releasing numerous toxins into the air. Children are especially sensitive to the effects air pollution because they breathe more quickly and take in more air than adults. Children spend more time outdoors than adults, which further increases their exposure to vehicle emissions and air pollution. By breaking idling habits, everyone benefits!

“Turn The Key, Be Idle Free!”

Did you know...

- o Vehicle exhaust is the leading source of air pollution in Southwest Ohio?
- o After 30 seconds, it is more efficient to turn off and then restart your car than to leave it running?
- o A single vehicle dropping off and picking up kids at one school puts three pounds of pollution into the air per month?
- o Children's asthma symptoms can increase as a result of idling?
- o Asthma is the most common chronic illness in children and the cause of most school absences?