

TNT letters to the editor

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STOP IDLING

One would have to be living under a rock to not be aware of skyrocketing gas prices and the devastating impacts of climate change. Many feel helpless about how each of us can make a difference on both fronts.

One very easy way to make a slight difference is to stop needlessly idling our motor vehicles. How often are we idling while waiting to pick up our children from schools, while sitting in a drive-through line or while waiting for our turn at a road construction site? Idling is wasting gas, and polluting the air in addition to our lungs as we are breathing that exhaust.

Most newer vehicles do not need to be warmed up prior to being driven, and idling is actually harmful to the vehicle.

Idling for more than 30 seconds is simply wasteful and unnecessary. Schools, municipalities and other places where idling too often occurs can easily enact no idling policies. People who idle to keep the heat or air conditioning running can turn off their vehicle with little to zero harm to them.

Idling gets us nowhere.

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