



# THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF LAMBTON

Subject	<b>Anti-Idling</b>	<b>Section 200</b>	<b>Policy 218</b>
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## PURPOSE

Motor vehicle and equipment emissions are the single largest source of smog-causing pollutants in Ontario. These emissions can be harmful to human health and the natural environment. For this reason, the County of Lambton has adopted the following policy to reduce air pollutants resulting from the operation of vehicles and equipment owned by the County. County employees using their personal vehicles on County business are encouraged to follow this policy.

## POLICY

1. County vehicles and equipment shall never be left idling when unattended.
2. Engine warm-up periods will not exceed three minutes (provided required airbrake pressure and/or other critical settings have been reached).
3. Vehicles shall be shut off whenever idling time is expected to exceed five minutes.
4. County employees shall not operate County vehicles through a drive thru.
5. This policy applies to all County owned, leased and/or rented vehicles and equipment and employee vehicles while on County property.
6. The following circumstances are exempt from the application of this policy:
  - a) vehicle maintenance and diagnostic purposes (to be kept at an absolute required minimum);
  - b) extreme cold weather conditions, heat alerts, or any other time when the health and safety of employees may be jeopardized;
  - c) the unit is not expected to be able to restart due to a mechanical problem (must be repaired ASAP);
  - d) the engine is immediately required to power auxiliary equipment (e.g. hoist, lift platform, hydraulic tools, compactors, computers, etc.);
  - e) Emergency Medical Services vehicles may idle on scene, provided the anti theft system is engaged.

7. County employees shall at all times observe anti-idling by-laws of local municipalities, if any. In the event of any inconsistency between the provisions of this by-law and a local anti-idling by-law, the most stringent provisions between this policy and the by-law shall be observed.