



**DRIVERS**  
you are  
**THE KEY!**



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driver, YOU have a significant impact on fuel  
umption. Alert, positive and professional drivers can  
rove fuel efficiency and hence reduce vehicle emissions  
operating costs while contributing to greater road

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### **WHAT IS IDLING?**

Idling happens when a vehicle's engine is running while the vehicle is not in motion. Drivers are sometimes forced to idle in traffic, but in most situations idling is not necessary. Idling is merely a habit that drivers can break, especially when they realize how harmful it can be to the environment.

### **HOW IS IDLING HARMFUL?**

- Idling increases the amount of vehicle exhaust in our air. Exhaust contains many pollutants that are linked to asthma and other lung diseases, allergies, heart disease, increased risk of infections and cancer and other health problems.
- An operating vehicle emits a range of gases from its tailpipe into the atmosphere, one of which is carbon dioxide, the principal greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change.
- Idling wastes fuel and money. An idling car or van uses 1 litre of fuel per hour while an idling diesel truck will burn 2 litres of fuel per hour.