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Metro-North Railroad Puts the "Happy" in Happy Holidays More Trains and Expanded Service for Christmas and New Year's

More than ever people are travelling aboard Metro-North trains during the holidays—forgoing traffic jams, parking problems, fuel costs, and wasted time.

To accommodate them and to attract even more devoted customers, MTA Metro-North Railroad has put together a holiday timetable that suits everyone: commuters; shoppers; show-goers; and those irrepressible New Year's Eve celebrants.

On Wednesday, December 23, the morning peak schedule is unchanged, but there will be 17 extra trains and trains with more train cars departing Grand Central between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Later in the evening peak, some trains will be consolidated due to historically fewer customers.

On Christmas Eve morning, peak service will operate as normal, however there will be extra outbound service between 12 noon and 4 p.m., regular outbound service between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m., and train consolidations after 5 p.m.

On New Year's Eve, there will be reduced morning peak service, but extra afternoon and early evening service into Grand Central. For celebrants heading home, Metro-North trains will run all night—right through the wee hours of New Year's Day. Tickets will be checked before homeward-bound customers board their trains. And on this holiday, carrying alcohol on trains and within Grand Central is prohibited.

The week between Christmas and New Year's, Monday, December 28 through Wednesday, December 30, inbound ridership between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. increases 100% above a normal weekday. To accommodate these after-Christmas-sale shoppers, students on recess, show-goers, and visitors, Metro-North will have extra trains and additional cars on trains on all lines.

A special holiday timetable is available at Grand Central, outlying Metro-North stations, and online at www.mta.info. Customers may also telephone for information at 212-532-4900. The hearing impaired may call (via teleprinter) 212-340-3987.