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### Give Thanks and Take A Train

#### *Metro-North has plenty of service to get you around without driving!*

MTA Metro-North Railroad has plenty of trains to get you where you need to go during the long, four-day, Thanksgiving weekend while avoiding the holiday traffic, tolls and higher gas prices.

For those taking flight early on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 23), there are extra getaway trains departing Grand Central beginning at 1 PM. (Because of decreased ridership later in the PM Peak, some trains will be combined or eliminated. See a current timetable for details on early getaway service.)

On Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, November 24) Metro-North will operate a holiday schedule with extra AM inbound service for those of you going to see the Macy's Parade. And there will be lots of late morning and early afternoon outbound service to get you home or to the folks' house for that holiday dinner.

In the evening, there is plenty of service to get you back home, too.

The day after Thanksgiving (Friday, November 25) is traditionally known as Black Friday (when holiday shopping is said to push merchants' ledgers back in the "black"). So take advantage of the season's first big sales, Metro-North will operate a "Saturday" schedule with a lot of extra service during the AM and PM peaks, as well as inbound between 10 AM and 2 PM. It is NOT a normal weekday schedule, but there is plenty of service for both shoppers and those who are working to pay for it all.

To avoid "Black Friday," take advantage of Metro-North's weekend Shoppers' Specials service on the Hudson and New Haven lines.

On the New Haven Line, 22 Shoppers' Special express trains will operate on Saturdays from November 19th to December 17. On Sundays, 21 Shoppers' Specials will run from November 20 to December 18.

On the Hudson Line, there are two Saturday-only express Shoppers' Specials. These trains depart Poughkeepsie at 9:28 AM and 10:28 AM and makes stops at New Hamburg, Beacon and Peekskill.

There is frequent weekend service on our Harlem Line, so please feel free to "shop 'til you drop."

A few holiday hints:

- Purchase train tickets well before the holiday because on Thanksgiving Day (one of the busiest travel days of the year) you must have your train ticket before boarding the train at Grand Central Terminal or Harlem-125th Street Station.
- Consider a ten-trip, off-peak if you are traveling with the family to save 30-40% off the one-way off-peak fare. They can be used by more than one person when you are traveling together.
- Off-peak fares will be in effect for the entire four-day holiday period.
- Take advantage of free parking at many stations. (Check signs, or call 511 for more information.)
- Pick up a special Thanksgiving Holiday Timetable at the Grand Central Information Booth, at outlying ticket offices, and at [mta.info/mnr](http://mta.info/mnr).
- Or use Metro-North Train Time™ ([mta.info/mnr](http://mta.info/mnr)) or Coocoo ([coocoo.com](http://coocoo.com)) for real time train info on your smart phone or computer.