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Metro-North Railroad Gets You Home for the Holidays

Extra Weekend Shoppers Specials Trains Begin This Weekend

Make Metro-North Railroad part of your transportation plan for the long Thanksgiving weekend and relax! Skip the holiday traffic and avoid high gas prices.

Get a jump on the weekend with extra departures on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday, November 21), beginning at 1 PM. With most people leaving early, some PM peak trains will be combined or eliminated. All extra and canceled trains are shown in the public timetable available on mta.info.

On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22, there is a special Sunday schedule, with extra cars and trains. There's extra AM inbound service for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. And there will be lots of late morning and early afternoon outbound service to get people home or to the folks' house for that holiday dinner. In the evening, there is plenty of service to get back into the city.

On Black Friday, customers should not expect a normal weekday train schedule, but there is plenty of service for both shoppers and those who have to work. On Friday, November 23, Metro-North will operate a Saturday schedule with a lot of extra service during the AM and PM peaks, as well as extra inbound trains between 10 AM and 2 PM. Off-peak fares will be in effect Friday.

On Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving, Metro-North will operate on a regular weekend schedule including the extra Shoppers' Specials, which begin THIS weekend, November 17 and 18.

On the New Haven Line, there will be 18 Shoppers' Special trains on Saturdays and 14 on Sundays. On the Harlem Line, there are four Sunday-only Shoppers' Specials. On the Hudson Line, there are three Saturday-only express Shoppers' Specials. Shoppers' Specials run weekends through Sunday Dec. 30. See the printed timetables or go to mta.info.

HOLIDAY HINTS:

Purchase train tickets well before the holiday because on Thanksgiving Day you must have your train ticket before boarding the train at Grand Central Terminal or Harlem-125th Street Station.

-Consider an off-peak 10-trip ticket, if you are traveling with the family or a group of friends and get 10 trips for the price of nine. They are good for groups 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.

-Or use Metro-North Train Time TM (mta.info/mnr) or Coocoo (coocoo.com) for real time train info on your smart phone or computer.