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MTA Service for New Year's Holiday

The MTA is the best way to get around during the busy New Year's Eve holiday. The Long Island Rail Road and Metro-North Railroad are offering special service to help revelers safely enjoy New Year's Eve.

New York City Subways and Buses

MTA New York City Transit is the best way for revelers to get to Times Square on New Year's Eve and to travel home afterwards. As usual, we recommend that customers purchase their MetroCards in advance.

Customers heading to Times Square for the celebration should avoid using the 42 St-Times Square complex, since they may not be allowed to exit onto the street. In addition, the northbound platform at 50 St 1 and both north and southbound platforms at 49 St NQR will be closed from 7 p.m. until after midnight. Riders are urged to exit at stations at 57 St or 59 St-Columbus Circle instead and walk to Times Square.

Buses are not recommended for traveling to Times Square because of the numerous street closures in the area. Regular overnight bus service will resume as streets reopen after midnight. Following the celebration, trains on lines in and around Times Square will run every 8 to 12 minutes until approximately 3 a.m. The 42nd Street shuttle S will operate all night.

On Tuesday, New Year's Day, subways and buses will operate on a Sunday schedule with longer waits on some bus routes.

Long Island Rail Road

The LIRR will provide additional trains to and from Penn Station during the extended New Year's holiday period beginning Friday afternoon December 28 through New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1.

During p.m. peak periods on Friday, December 28 and on New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, discounted Family Fare tickets are available. As many four children, ages 5-11, can ride for the advance purchase fare of 75¢ per child each way when accompanied by a fare-paying adult or guardian.

[Click here for details from Long Island Rail Road.](#)

Metro-North Railroad

Metro-North will have a special schedule with lots of extra trains for to New Year's Eve and special service during the week leading up the big night. From Wednesday, December 26, through Friday, December 28, morning peak service is slightly reduced but there is additional inbound service operated in the late morning. Also, on Friday, December 28, an early getaway schedule will be operated beginning at noon, with a reduced p.m. peak schedule after 5:00 p.m.

A special holiday schedule will be in effect on New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, with hourly service on the main lines, and regular weekend service on the branch lines.

[Click here for details from Metro-North Railroad.](#)

MTA Bridges and Tunnels

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will have officers, sergeants and lieutenants at all MTA crossings looking for drivers suspected of driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Bridges and Tunnel personnel have arrested 289 individuals at its seven bridges and two tunnels this year for driving under the influence (DUI).

[Click here for more information from MTA Bridges and Tunnels.](#)