
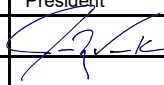
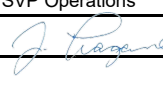


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PURPOSE:

Hudson, Harlem and New Haven Lines – Effective Sunday, October 5, 2025

Metro-North is updating schedules on the Hudson, Harlem, and New Haven Lines to improve service reliability and accommodate ongoing infrastructure projects. These changes support major switch replacements, track and tie renewals, and the continuation of the Park Avenue Viaduct and Walk Bridge replacement projects.

OCTOBER 5, 2025, TIMETABLE CHANGE

Service Improvements

- HUDSON LINE:
 - **New “Super-Express” Trains to and from Poughkeepsie Station:** Starting Sunday, October 5, five trains will make the trip in under 90 minutes.
 - **PM Peak Adjustments:** Select weekday evening trains to be adjusted for better spacing during Park Avenue Viaduct track work.
 - **Weekend Adjustments:** Minor modifications to weekend outbound trains for better spacing during Park Avenue Viaduct two track outages.

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- HARLEM LINE:
 - Train 520 will now operate Monday-Friday.
 - New Train 524 will operate Monday-Thursday.
 - New Train 689 is added to the PM Off-Peak, Monday-Friday.
 - **PM Peak Adjustments:** Select weekday evening trains to be adjusted for better spacing during Park Avenue Viaduct track work.
 - **Weekend Adjustments:** Minor modifications to weekend outbound trains for better spacing during Park Avenue Viaduct two track outages.

- NEW HAVEN LINE:
 - **PM Peak Adjustments:** Select weekday evening trains to be adjusted for better spacing during Park Avenue Viaduct track work.
 - **Weekend Adjustments:** Minor modifications to weekend outbound trains for better spacing during Park Avenue Viaduct two track outages.

Holidays

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY WEEKEND – 11/26/2025 – 11/30/2025

Metro-North will operate a special four-day service plan for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend (Wednesday, November 26, through Sunday, November 30). The schedule is designed to meet the travel needs of our customers and will be available via our website, our Call Center/IVR, and third-party apps such as TrainTime. As in prior years, off-peak fares will apply throughout the entire four-day period.

- Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving – 11/26/2025

Traditionally the busiest travel day of the year, outbound ridership between 12:00PM and 8:00 PM is typically more than 25% higher than a normal weekday.

- Metro-North will operate a regular weekday schedule with additional service: 6 Hudson Line Trains, 3 Harlem Line Trains, and 10 New Haven Line Trains departing Grand Central Terminal between 12:00 PM and 4:15 PM.
- In the evening, select Hudson and Harlem Line trains will be combined or canceled, and a Friday schedule will be in effect on the New Haven Line.
- Customers should refer to the current timetables for the complete service information.

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- Thanksgiving Day – 11/27/2025

Metro-North will provide:

- **Expanded inbound morning service** for customers traveling to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.
- **Additional outbound service** late morning through mid-afternoon for customers traveling to suburban destinations.
- **Expanded evening service** for those returning to New York City.

Between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, fares from Grand Central will be collected before customers board trains ("gate collection"). This process ensures every customer has a valid ticket prior to boarding. Metro-North anticipates providing more than 100,000 rides on Thanksgiving Day.

- Friday, the day after Thanksgiving – 11/28/2025

With fewer commuters and significantly higher discretionary travel, Metro-North will operate on a modified schedule:

- A special expanded **Saturday Schedule** will be in effect, including additional service during Traditional AM and PM peak hours.
- On the Harlem Line, trains that normally originate or terminate at Crestwood will instead extend to/ from Scarsdale, Hartsdale, White Plains, and North White Plains.

- Saturday, November 29 & Sunday, November 30, 2025 – Thanksgiving Weekend

Saturday and Sunday service will operate as scheduled, with additional cars added to select trains to accommodate holiday travel demand.

- CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S WEEK (Tuesday 12/22 – Monday 12/30)

Historically, commuter ridership decreases during the week between Christmas and New Year's. However, mid-day inbound ridership between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM increases by more than 100% compared with typical weekdays. This increase reflects higher discretionary travel, as schools are on holiday recess and many shoppers take advantage of after-Christmas sales.

To accommodate this shift in demand, Metro-North will:

- Suspend select morning rush-hour trains.
- Operate 6 additional mid-day trains (2 Hudson, 1 Harlem, 3 New Haven).
- Adjust train lengths to accommodate ridership levels.

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- Christmas Eve – Wednesday, 12/24/2025

On Christmas Eve, Metro-North will operate on a **Friday Service schedule** with the following adjustments:

- Several AM and PM peak trains will not operate.
- 6 additional midday trains will run (2 Hudson, 1 Harlem, 3 New Haven).

- Christmas Day – Thursday 12/25/2025

Christmas Day has one of the lowest ridership levels of the year. Metro-North will operate a **special holiday schedule** with the following service plan:

- Hourly service on the Lower Hudson, Upper Hudson, Mid-Harlem, Upper Harlem, Inner New Haven, and Outer New Haven Lines.
- Service every hour on the New Canaan Branch and every two hours on the Wassaucott Branch.
- Service every three hours on the Danbury and Waterbury Branches.

- New Year's Eve – Wednesday 12/31/2025

On New Year's Eve, Metro-North a special one-day schedule will operate Wednesday, 12/31/2025.

- Extra Trains will run after midnight to accommodate customers traveling home from the Times Square Ball Drop.
- As in past years, customers traveling on early morning New Years' service will have tickets collected prior to boarding trains at Grand Central.

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – Monday, 01/19/2026

Metro-North will operate an **expanded Saturday schedule** with additional trains during traditional AM and PM peak periods. All service will be listed in the current Saturday timetables.

- President's Day – Monday, 02/16/2026

Metro-North will operate a regular **Saturday schedule**.

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Special Schedules

- Hudson Line:
 - The popular Fall Foliage trains return to Hudson Valley on October 4th, 2025, and will continue into the new schedule on October 5, 2025 through November 9th, 2025. There are three extra northbound AM trains toward Poughkeepsie and two extra southbound PM trains returning to Grand Central.
- Harlem Line:
- New Haven Line:
 - Extra Seasonal weekend Service will commence between November 29, 2025 and January 4, 2026, also known as Shopper Schedules, will return to the New Haven Line. Additional Trains will run on Saturdays and Sunday between Grand Central and New Haven.