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# TAKE ACTION!

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## SEPTA OFFERS A NUMBER OF CONVENIENCES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

**This year, make getting around a lot less stressful by utilizing SEPTA during your holiday travel. SEPTA offers a number of conveniences, including:**

**Independence Pass:** The Independence Pass is ideal for individuals or families looking for the independence of convenient, economical and unlimited one-day travel on SEPTA services. Occasional riders, visitors and families can travel on SEPTA to restaurants, shopping, casinos, sporting events and other attractions in the region. Prices for the pass are **\$10 for an individual pass** and **\$25 for the family pass**. One family of up to five people traveling together may use one pass, however one person, but no more than two, must be 18 years of age or older. Customers using Regional Rail to or from New Jersey will pay an additional charge of \$5.00 per individual pass and \$15.00 per family pass in each direction you travel.

Now purchasing a one-day Independence Pass is as easy as boarding a Regional Rail train, starting Saturday, December 19, 2009. Tell the Conductor that you want an Individual or Family Independence Pass. Traveling ONLY on Regional Rail? Use the Cash Fare receipt as your one day Independence Pass. Planning on using other SEPTA services? Take your Cash Fare receipt to a SEPTA Ticket or Sales Office and exchange it for an Independence Pass. Independence Pass holders benefit from unlimited travel aboard these services: Bus — Subway — Trolley — Regional Rail\* - PHLASH Bus (*seasonal between May 1 and October 31*) - Mann Center Summer Bus Service \*Not valid on Regional Rail trains arriving in Center City weekdays before 9:30 a.m. However, the Independence Pass is valid at any time on Airport Line (R1) Regional Rail trains.

**Pass Perks:** With a weekly or monthly SEPTA Pass, you'll receive discounts and other goodies to some of the best destinations in the region. Just have a look around the website to see all the places that accept Pass Perks. Click [here](#) for a full listing!

**Commuter Choice:** The simple act of driving to work can drive your employees insane. That's why SEPTA offers four programs for corporations that want to provide Transit Benefits for their employees. The Federal Tax Code (132F) allows for employees to receive up to \$230 per month as a tax-free employee benefit. You can help your employees get to work stress-free and with more change in their pockets. Click [here](#) to decide which program works best for your workers.

**Norristown Transportation Center (NTC):** Located at DeKalb & Lafayette Streets in Norristown, the ADA-accessible building includes more than 520 parking spaces, stainless-steel facades, glass-enclosed stair towers and an enclosed waiting area. SEPTA service from the NTC includes Bus Routes 90, 91, 93, 96, 97, 98, 99, and 131; the Route 100 Norristown High Speed Line; and the R6 Norristown Line. For more information about the NTC or SEPTA, visit [www.septa.com](http://www.septa.com).

## PennDOT Prepares for Potential Winter Weather

With nearly 109,000 tons of salt on hand in the five-county, Philadelphia region, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) is prepared to keep state highways passable in southeastern Pennsylvania this coming winter.

Crews will maintain 3,530 miles or 8,915 snow-lane miles in the region. A snow-lane is the distance of roadway multiplied by the number of travel lanes. PennDOT will use a fleet of 402 vehicles consisting of 182 state-owned trucks and 240 private contractors' trucks this winter.

Motorists are reminded to check travel conditions by calling 511 or visiting [www.511PA.com](http://www.511PA.com).

To view road conditions on major highways in southeastern Pennsylvania go to [511pa.com](http://511pa.com) and click on Travel Conditions, then click Traffic Map, then click on traffic cameras. The cameras are stationed along key highways such as Interstates 76, 95, 476, 676 and Routes 1, 202, 309, 422, 30 and 100.

PennDOT reminds motorists to remove snow and ice from their vehicles before driving on the road. Under Pennsylvania law, when snow or ice is dislodged or falls from a moving vehicle and strikes another vehicle or pedestrian causing death or serious bodily injury, the operator of the vehicle from which the snow or ice came is subject to a fine of \$200 to \$1,000 for each offense.

PennDOT offers motorists the following driving tips to help them when traveling during inclement winter weather:

- Always wear seat belts, drive at a reduced speed and drive defensively.
- Turn on headlights. State law requires you to turn on your headlights when your wipers are on.
- Schedule extra travel time.
- Maintain at least twice the normal following distance. Rear end collisions account for most winter crashes.
- Keep vehicles properly maintained. Make sure tires have adequate tread and are properly inflated.
- Check windshield washing fluid levels and only use fluids containing an anti freeze solvent. Keep an extra container of windshield fluid in the trunk.
- Clear snow and ice from windows, mirrors, hood, headlights, taillights and trunk before driving.
- Keep an ice scraper/snow brush, deicer, small snow shovel, warning devices (flares or triangles), bag of salt or sand, flashlight, battery cables, tire chains and a blanket in your vehicle.
- Stay at least six car lengths behind a snowplow.
- Don't pass a snowplow because plow blades are wider than the truck.
- Carpool or use mass transit, if possible. Fewer vehicles make travel safer during a snowstorm and expedite plowing operations.
- Remember that bridges and elevated ramps freeze before road surfaces.
- If you are planning a long-distance trip, be aware of weather forecasts and adjust your plans if heavy snowfall or severe conditions are predicted.

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#### Web sites:

[www.gvftma.com](http://www.gvftma.com)

[www.phillytraffic.com](http://www.phillytraffic.com)

[www.localroads.com](http://www.localroads.com)

[www.us202.com](http://www.us202.com)

[www.422coalition.com](http://www.422coalition.com)

[www.smtcoalition.com](http://www.smtcoalition.com)

[www.svtransportation.com](http://www.svtransportation.com)

[www.midatlanticchapter.com](http://www.midatlanticchapter.com)

[www.422improvements.com](http://www.422improvements.com)

<http://phillytraffic.blogspot.com>

[http://www.youtube.com/  
GVFTransportation](http://www.youtube.com/GVFTransportation)

[https://twitter.com/  
US422Coalition](https://twitter.com/US422Coalition)

[www.422corridor.com](http://www.422corridor.com)

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you a happy and healthy  
holiday season and a  
wonderful New Year!