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**DART will Operate Regular Service Hours on Black Friday**

*Regular weekday service will facilitate people getting to and from work and shopping on Black Friday*

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority (DART) will not operate for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, Nov. 24, 2016. This year, for the first time, DART will operate on its regular weekday schedule on Black Friday. All routes will run, including the Express Routes and routes to popular retail centers including Merle Hay Mall, Valley West Mall, Southridge Mall and Jordan Creek Town Center. Customer service will also be open during normal hours from 6:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. DART's administrative offices will remain closed.

In years past, DART operated its Saturday service schedule on Black Friday. Express Routes do not operate on weekends and Saturday service operates from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. instead of the weekday schedule, which is 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. DART made this adjustment based on feedback from riders who rely on DART to get to work and do their shopping.

Anyone with questions regarding DART's holiday service hours are asked to contact DART's Customer Service by calling 515-283-8100 or emailing [dart@ridedart.com](mailto:dart@ridedart.com).

*The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com) or call 515-283-8100. The MyDART Tools, Trip Planner and RideTime Transit app are now available at [www.ridedart.com](http://www.ridedart.com).*

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