



# Holiday Travel Advisory



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## Take a Coffee Break on Florida's Turnpike During Peak Holiday Travel Days

FORT LAUDERDALE — Free Coffee Safety Breaks for travelers are among the expanded motorist services being offered by Florida's Turnpike (Turnpike) during the Christmas/New Year holiday. This complimentary pick-me-up is available at both the service plaza and fuel station buildings **only** at the following times:

- 11 p.m. Saturday, December 24 to 6 a.m. Sunday, December 25
- 11 p.m. Sunday, December 25 to 6 a.m. Monday, December 26
- 11 p.m. Saturday, December 31 to 6 a.m. Sunday, January 1
- 11 p.m. Sunday, January 1 to 6 a.m. Monday, January 2

### Remember service plaza construction/renovation project is currently in progress

The Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service Plaza (Milepost 144) is under construction and parking is limited; however, all services are available. Because of holiday traffic volumes, please allow additional time for parking. Please remember to slow down when entering a plaza and follow instructions on any construction signs.

### State Farm Safety Patrol

The State Farm Safety Patrol Road Rangers travel the Turnpike System in specially equipped pickup trucks to respond to incidents, provide support to FHP to clear crashes and provide motorists with free roadside assistance for their disabled vehicles. Motorists who need police, ambulance or roadway services may dial \*FHP (\*347) or 911 for assistance.

### Try to avoid the peak travel periods on Friday and Monday if possible

The normal morning and afternoon rush hour periods 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. may be congested with both outbound holiday traffic and local commuters on their way to work. **Regularly scheduled construction and maintenance-related lane closures and restrictions on Turnpike-operated roads are suspended for the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays from 6 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23, to 10 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3.**

### Check Tires/Tire Pressure

A number of traffic accidents can be traced back to improper inflation or condition of tires. Be sure to check your vehicle's tires and tire pressure before you travel.

### SunPass Customers

Enjoy the convenience of managing your SunPass account, anytime, just by downloading the SunPass app. Take advantage of replenishment and other services available at thousands of locations statewide. Customers with an active SunPass account enrolled in "Easy Pay" can enjoy the ease and convenience of SunPass Plus Parking at Hard Rock Stadium and airports in Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, West Palm, Tampa and Orlando.

### Real-time Traffic Information Updates

Contact FDOT's statewide 511 travel information system to receive real-time traffic information. Customers may access the free system by dialing 511 or visiting [www.FL511.com](http://www.FL511.com). The 511 telephone service provides information for Florida's Turnpike system roadways, interstate highways and major metropolitan roadways. The 511 telephone service offers bilingual choices.

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