



Holiday Travel Advisory



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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Offers Free Coffee at Service Plazas During Peak Thanksgiving Travel Periods

FORT LAUDERDALE — Free Coffee Safety Breaks for motorists during late evening travel times this upcoming Thanksgiving holiday are among the enhanced services being offered by Florida's Turnpike to promote driver safety.

Take a Coffee Safety Break on the Turnpike

The Florida's Turnpike urges drivers to take a Safety Break and enjoy a complimentary pick-me-up at any of the Shell convenience stores or in the lobby of the Turkey Lake, Canoe Creek, Fort Drum, Fort Pierce and West Palm Beach restaurant service plazas during the following times:

- 11 p.m., Wednesday, November 21 to 6 a.m., Thursday, November 22
- 11 p.m., Sunday, November 25 to 6 a.m., Monday, November 26

State Farm Safety Patrol

During the holidays, the State Farm Safety Patrol will provide round-the-clock coverage on the Turnpike in urban areas and extended hours from 6 a.m. to midnight in rural areas.

Be prepared to encounter other tolling methods during your turnpike travel

All-electronic, no-cash tolling is in place on the southern 58 miles of Florida's Turnpike in southern Broward and Miami-Dade counties, along with the Sawgrass Expressway in Broward, and the Veterans Expressway and I-4 Connector in the Tampa Bay area. Tolls will be collected through a SunPass transponder, other interoperable transponder or billed through the mail with TOLL-BY-PLATE. Cash-paying motorists traveling between Three Lakes in Osceola County and Lantana in Palm Beach County will receive a toll ticket. The Sunrise Boulevard interchange (Exit 58) in Broward County was recently converted to all-electronic, no-cash tolling.

Service plaza construction/renovation project is currently in progress

The Port St. Lucie/Fort Pierce Service plaza is under construction and new parking areas have been opened. Please allow additional time for parking during peak times. Remember to slow down when entering the service plaza and follow instructions on any construction signs.

Try to avoid the peak travel periods on Friday and Sunday 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 holiday travelers and local commuters on their way to work. We encourage motorists to schedule their travel around these peak hours. If your travel plans take you out of state, pay particular attention to the Turnpike/I-75 merge area south of Ocala, where traffic can be extremely heavy as motorists head north or return to Florida.

Check Tires/Tire Pressure

Many 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. You can also access the SunPass website on the go using your smart phone. 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, Orlando and Tampa.

To find out more about the Florida's Turnpike Enterprise statewide system of limited-access toll roads, call the Public Information Office at 800-749-PIKE (800-749-7453), or visit www.floridasturnpike.com.