

**District of Columbia Government
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration**



2016 Extended Holiday Hours Calendar

The following calendar details dates and times on-premises establishments can extend operations as part of the Extended Holiday Hours program. Please contact the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) with any questions at abc@dc.gov or (202) 442-4423.

HOLIDAY/EVENT	DATE OF HOLIDAY/EVENT	EXTENDED HOURS BEGIN	EXTENDED HOURS END
New Year's Day*	Friday, January 1	Thursday evening, December 31 through Sunday evening, January 3	Alcohol service must end by 4 a.m. each morning, concluding Monday morning
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18	Sunday evening, January 17	4 a.m. on Monday morning
Washington's Birthday	Monday, February 15	Sunday evening, February 14	4 a.m. on Monday morning
Spring Daylight Saving Time¹	Sunday, March 13	Saturday evening, March 12	4 a.m. on Sunday morning
DC Emancipation Day²	Saturday, April 16	Thursday evening, April 14 through Friday evening, April 15	4 a.m. on Saturday morning
Memorial Day Weekend*	Monday, May 30	Friday evening, May 27 through Sunday evening, May 29	Alcohol service must end by 4 a.m. each morning, concluding Monday morning
Independence Day*	Monday, July 4	Friday evening, July 1 through Sunday evening, July 3	Alcohol service must end by 4 a.m. each morning, concluding Monday morning
Labor Day Weekend*	Monday, September 5	Friday evening, September 2 through Sunday evening, September 4	Alcohol service must end by 4 a.m. each morning, concluding Monday morning
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10	Sunday evening, October 9	4 a.m. Monday morning
Autumn Daylight Saving³	Sunday, November 6	Saturday evening, November 5	3 a.m. on Sunday morning
Veterans Day	Friday, November 11	Thursday evening, November 10	4 a.m. Friday morning
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 24	Wednesday evening, November 23	4 a.m. Thursday morning
Christmas⁴	Sunday, December 25	Saturday evening, December 24 through Sunday evening, December 25	4 a.m. Monday morning

Eligible licensees are required to submit a registration form and public safety plan to ABRA in order to participate in the program. Registration forms must be submitted 30 days prior to the first holiday an applicant wants to participate. Once a licensee is registered for the program, they are eligible to participate in the program each year thereafter. Licensees with settlement agreements or Board orders that restrict closing hours are prohibited from participating.

*In 2016, registered licensees are able to operate for 24-hour periods beginning on the day preceding New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. Licensees are required to cease the service, sale, and consumption of alcoholic beverages by 4 a.m. daily during these three-day holiday weekends.

¹Spring Daylight Saving Time will cause the clock to spring forward one hour from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, March 13. This will result in the loss of one hour, making Sunday a 23-hour day. Any licensee that normally closes at 3 a.m. is eligible to operate until 4 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, March 13. Licensees are not required to register in the program to participate in spring Daylight Saving Time. Licensees that have a settlement agreement or an ABC Board order limiting hours of operation are prohibited from participating.

²The legal holiday for DC Emancipation Day is Saturday, April 16. Since this holiday is on Saturday, it is also a legal public holiday on Friday, April 15.

³Autumn Daylight Saving Time will cause the clock to fall back one hour from 2 a.m. to 1 a.m. on the morning of Sunday, November 6. This will result in an extra hour, making Sunday a 25-hour day. Any licensee that normally operates at 2 a.m. will automatically gain an additional hour to conduct business during the repeated hour.

⁴The legal holiday for Christmas is Sunday, December 25. Since this holiday is on Sunday, it is also a legal public holiday on Monday, December 26.