

Holiday shopping guide

Malls make it easier

Unfortunately, holiday shopping can be an unpleasant experience, so local malls do what they can do to ease discomfort and make the process more enjoyable.

Special services include designated relaxation areas, valet parking, gift-wrapping, bag check, complimentary snacks and gifts.

"It's an acknowledgment that the whole season can kind of be stressful, but it doesn't have to be or it can be lessened," said Somerset Collection Spokesman Ed Nakfor of the trend.

At Somerset, for instance, tired shoppers are offered coffee, cookies and hot cider in the center's South Rotunda during the holiday season. Shoppers can also sit back in leather chairs there while waiting for packages to be wrapped.

New this year at the Troy mall is Holiday Indulgence, a hotel-and-shopping program set up with the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

The program enables shoppers to approach holiday gift-buying as a sort of vacation. Patrons check-in to the Ritz-Carlton and are shuttled to the Somerset Collection for a day of shopping. When they return, they can relax in their room, have dinner and kick back.

"What a great way to have a reunion with a sibling or your best girlfriend or your mom or aunt," said Nakfor. "It builds on the theme of pampering during the holidays. ... And, it reaches out to a larger part of the metro area."

Mall holiday hours guide

Department store hours vary from mall hours and all are subject to change.

Somerset Collection in Troy:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Dec. 17 and 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Dec. 17-21
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Dec. 16 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 23
 ■ Christmas Eve open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (248) 643-6360 or visit www.somersetcollection.com.

Northland Center in Southfield:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 14; and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. the week before Christmas

■ Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1, 8 and 15; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 2, 9 and 16; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 23
 ■ Christmas Eve open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (248) 443-6000.

Orchard Mall in West Bloomfield:
 ■ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, but call individual stores for extended hours.
 ■ Call (248) 851-7727.

Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 7 (but open until 10 p.m. Dec. 6-7); 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 10-14; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. the week before Christmas

■ Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Christmas
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 2, otherwise 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. through Christmas
 ■ Christmas Eve open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (248) 454-6010 or visit www.shopgreatlakescrossing.com.

Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights:
 ■ 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 7 (but open until 10 p.m. Dec. 7); 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 10-14; and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. the week before Christmas

■ Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 15; and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 16 and 23
 ■ Christmas Eve open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (810) 247-1744.

Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 14 (open early at 9 a.m. and close at 10 p.m. Dec. 13 and 14); and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. the week before Christmas

■ Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1 and 8; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 15; and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 2; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 16; and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 23
 ■ Christmas Eve open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 ■ Call (313) 693-3330 or visit www.shopfairlane.com.

Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi:
 ■ 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 25

■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 7 (but open until 10 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7); 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 10-14; and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 17-21

■ Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 8 and 15; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 2; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 and 23

■ Christmas Eve open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (248) 348-9438 or visit www.shop12oaksmall.com.

Laurel Park Place in Livonia:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 7 (but until 9:30 p.m. Nov. 30 and Dec. 7); and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 21 (except closing at 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 10-11)

■ Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 1 and 8; 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 15; and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 2 and 9; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 16; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 23

■ Christmas Eve open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (734) 462-1100 or visit www.laurelparkplace.net.

Oakland Mall in Troy:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 7; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. or 11 p.m. through Dec. 21

■ Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 14; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 2; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Dec. 9; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 16 and 23
 ■ Christmas Eve open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 ■ Call (248) 685-4114

Westland Shopping Center in Westland:
 ■ 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Monday-Friday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.



through Dec. 14; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. the week before Christmas

■ Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 1; and 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. through Dec. 22
 ■ Sunday hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 2; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9 and 16; and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 23

■ Christmas Eve open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 ■ Call (734) 425-5001
Tel-Twelve in Southfield:
 ■ Noon-6 p.m. Nov. 25
 ■ Regular hours after Thanksgiving, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon-6 p.m. Sunday

■ Call (248) 353-1838
Summit Place Mall in Waterford:
 ■ 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday
 ■ For extended hours, please visit www.summitplacemall.com or call (248) 682-0123.

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