

UPCOMING MEDIA/WAWA LINE SERVICE INFORMATION

Slippery Rail Season Work to Begin Sunday, October 29

SEPTA is preparing for [slippery rail season](#), and the Authority is asking Regional Rail customers to plan for possible delays, especially during wet and windy weather.

What is Slippery Rail?

Slippery rail is an annual condition that occurs when falling leaves, crushed by passing rail vehicles, deposit a residue on the tracks. This coating decreases the friction of a train's wheels, creating slippery rails. When this happens, travel speeds are reduced to maintain safe operations, especially on inclines and declines, and when vehicles approach station platform areas.

How Does SEPTA Address It?

To combat slippery rail conditions, SEPTA crews will be working overnight – when regularly scheduled rail service is not operating – cleaning the tracks throughout the entire SEPTA Regional Rail network beginning next week. Work will continue Sunday through Friday nights until early December.

To perform this safety critical work, SEPTA crews utilize the Gel Train that uses a combination of gel and high-pressure washers to blast away leaves and their oily residue from the tracks. In addition, sand is spread on the tracks to help increase traction. The train and cleaning equipment are louder than normal SEPTA service, and residents may hear this operation as the train passes.

Special Note to Residents Living Near Lenni Road Crossing

The Gel Train operates throughout the night on all 13 of SEPTA's Regional Rail Lines and is required to sound its horn through the grade crossing at Lenni Road – once outbound to the station and then again inbound to Philadelphia. Thank you for your patience during this important annual safety activity. We will update residents if there are any schedule changes.

Service Interruption Guide – Media/Wawa Line

SEPTA and Transport Workers Union (TWU) Local 234 are continuing negotiations on a new contract to avert a work stoppage that would suspend City Transit Division bus, trolley, Market-Frankford Line, and Broad Street Line services possibly as soon as November 1. A work stoppage is not certain, but SEPTA has developed a Service Interruption Plan that will rely heavily on Regional Rail. As part of the plan, SEPTA would operate slightly modified service on the Media/Wawa Line. Customers should check SEPTA's website – www.septa.org – for information and updates.