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READY TO FALL BACK AND GET THAT EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP?

Standard Time brings more daylight in the morning but less daylight in the evening

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Daylight Savings Time (DST) ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3, 2024, as time clocks throughout most regions of the country will fall back one hour to standard time. Residents will be getting that extra hour of sleep this weekend but they will also be losing an hour of daylight in the evening.



Standard Time is the local time for a country or region when daylight saving time is not in use. Standard Time in the United States begins the first Sunday in November and ends the second Sunday in March.

As a reminder, the Compost Facility at the Muscatine Transfer Station on South Houser Street will change their hours of operation beginning this Sunday (Nov. 3). The Compost Facility will

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be open 12- 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Facility will close for the season on December 15 unless inclement weather closes the facility sooner.

Standardized Time and a five-zone system were approved at a meeting of the General Time Convention (renamed the American Railway Association in 1891) and implemented on Nov. 18, 1883, by United States and Canadian railroads. These railroads wanted to end confusion for train travelers and avoid anticipated disadvantages to railroads if the U.S. government adopted a Standard Time scheme. Standard Time was not enacted into U.S. law until the 1918 Standard Time Act was signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

When the Department of Transportation was created by Congress in 1966, it was assigned "the responsibility of regulating, fostering, and promoting widespread and uniform adoption and observance of standardized time" within each time zone. Daylight Saving Time (DST) was enacted as a legal requirement by the Uniform Time Act of 1966. Motivated by transportation improvements, this act mandated standard time within the existing time zones and established a permanent system of uniform DST, including the dates and times for twice yearly transitions.