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Time Change? Not So Fast!

Lotto Spot Players Get an Extra Hour to Play This November

With Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories opting to stay on permanent daylight-saving time, Lotto Spot players may no longer need to change their clocks, but they will still want to keep *time* on their radar: Lotto Spot's game cut-off and game break times will continue to align with **Eastern Time (ET)**.

Cut-off and game break times follow ET for two reasons. First, Lotto Spot offers national lottery games and aligns regional game schedules for consistency and ease. Second, Lotto Spot's regional **EXTRA** game can be added to both regional and national lottery games. Maintaining the common schedule avoids situations where games printed on the same ticket could have different sales cut-off times.

The games affected include **LOTTO MAX, LOTTO 6/49 and DAILY GRAND (national games), and WESTERN MAX, WESTERN 649, LIGHTNING LOTTO, KENO, and the PICK games (regional games)**.

But before anyone starts doing time-zone math in their head, here's the good – and simple – news: Lotto Spot players will have an **extra hour to play between November 2026 and March 2027!**

When the clocks turn back across the country, players in Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories will gain an hour each day to purchase their favourite lottery games before sales close.

Let's lay it out: Because game schedules will remain tied to Eastern Time, cut-off and game break times in Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories will shift twice a year:

November clock-change date to March clock-change date

- Manitoba: **10:30 pm**
- Alberta and Northwest Territories: **9:30 pm**

March clock-change date to November clock-change date

- Manitoba: **9:30 pm**
- Alberta and Northwest Territories: **8:30 pm**

We've got you covered! Lotto Spot understands that anytime clocks, calendars, and time zones are involved, questions are bound to follow. To help make the transition as smooth as possible, Lotto Spot will provide online explainers and updates so players can easily see when their favourite games close and when game breaks occur throughout the year – visit wclc.com for more information.

The bottom line: No need to adjust your lottery routine. Just remember that while Alberta, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories may be leaving seasonal clock changes behind, lottery game schedules will continue to follow Eastern Time.

And this November, that means one particularly welcome change: **Enjoy the extra hour to buy your favourite lottery games!**

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