New Year's Eve 2026 Times Square Timeline

Ball drop times from Eastern to Hawaii, Dec. 31, 2026

DATE	WHAT HAPPENS	DONE
6 p.m. ET	Ball raised to the top of the pole; Times Square Alliance webcast starts	☐
8 p.m. ET	Rockin' Eve special starts on ABC and Disney+ (7 p.m. CT)	☐
11:59 p.m. ET	Ball starts its 60-second descent	☐
Midnight ET, Jan. 1, 2027	New Year in Times Square	☐
Central Time	11 p.m. on Thu., Dec. 31	☐
Mountain Time	10 p.m. on Thu., Dec. 31	☐
Pacific Time	9 p.m. on Thu., Dec. 31	☐
Alaska Time	8 p.m. on Thu., Dec. 31	☐
Hawaii Time	7 p.m. on Thu., Dec. 31	☐
Puerto Rico (Atlantic)	1 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2027	☐

My notes

Source: Times Square Alliance New Year's Eve page; TheWrap (Oct. 7, 2026) and TV Insider (Oct. 27, 2026). Zone times are the midnight ET moment.