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# City Urges Community to Help Keep Parks Clean During Easter Weekend

## Parks Visitors Asked to Leave Confetti-Filled Eggs at Home

**EL PASO, Texas**— As the Easter holiday weekend approaches, El Paso Parks and Recreation reminds the public to help keep parks clean. Traditionally, the Easter holiday weekend is the busiest for City parks as families and large groups gather to celebrate.

The City of El Paso has more than 300 parks. In previous years, it has taken the Parks and Maintenance departments three to four days to get rid of trash left behind by users on Easter Sunday. To keep parks clean, additional trash bins will be placed at City parks and additional staff will be working through the weekend.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their trash bags and pick them up after Easter activities. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department urges the public to celebrate Easter at the parks without confetti-filled eggs. The confetti get stuck in grass blades for months and makes it impossible for work crews to remove and keep the park clean.

Pets are always welcome at City Parks, but pet owners are reminded to pick up pet waste and keep pets on a leash.

The following park rules should be kept in mind when visiting a City park:

- The simple rule “leave it better than you found it” applies to all park users
- Vehicles are not allowed to drive on grass or landscaping
- Trash should be put in a trash bag and left in a trash bin and not left in grocery bags or empty boxes on the ground
- Charcoal should not be left on the ground, grass or by trees. Charcoal should be put in a proper receptacle and disposed of properly or taken home
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking (including e-cigarettes) are not allowed
- City ordinance violators should be reported to the police immediately

For more information on the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, visit [EIPasoTexas.gov/parks](http://EIPasoTexas.gov/parks).

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