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Triple-Digit Heat Stressing Park Turf City Increases Park Irrigation to Help Grass Recover

El Paso, Texas—The heat wave sweeping through the region this summer is stressing park turf.

El Paso has experienced more than 25 days of triple-degree temperatures, and the heat combined with the shortfall of rain accumulation is creating challenges for City of El Paso crews responsible for maintaining parks.

“Our crews are out in the heat day in and day out taking care of our parks, but they are being challenged by the record-breaking temperatures,” said Joel McKnight, Assistant Director for the Streets and Maintenance Department who oversees park maintenance. “The heat has been stressing the grass at our parks and to help the grass recover we are irrigating the parks as much as possible within the established water conservation ordinance.”

City parks are irrigated a minimum of four times per week. Irrigation starts overnight at around 10 p.m. to avoid interfering with evening park users and scheduled sports programming.

In cases where irrigation systems are not operating properly, park maintenance crews coordinate with El Paso Water Utility’s Water Conservation staff to address the issue while complying with the area’s Water Conservation Ordinance.

To report concerns with park grounds or irrigation issues, the public may call the Streets and Maintenance at 3-1-1.

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