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City Parks and Recreation Urges Community to Keep Parks Clean During Easter Weekend

Visitors Asked to Leave Confetti-Filled Eggs at Home

EL PASO, Texas – As families prepare to celebrate Easter, the City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department is reminding the community to help keep our parks clean, safe, and enjoyable for everyone.

Easter weekend is traditionally one of the busiest times of the year across El Paso's more than 300 public parks. In previous years, the Parks and Maintenance teams have spent three to four days cleaning up litter left behind after Easter Sunday.

To help manage the increased activity, the department will place additional trash bins in high-traffic park and assign extra maintenance staff throughout the weekend.

Park visitors are encouraged to bring their own trash bags and properly dispose of all waste after their Easter celebrations. Additionally, residents are strongly urged to avoid using confetti-filled eggs (cascarones), as the confetti becomes embedded in the grass, making it extremely difficult for crews to clean and maintain park grounds.

Pets are welcome at all City parks; however, owners are reminded to keep their pets on a leash and to pick up after them to help maintain a clean and safe environment for all.

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

- Leave the park cleaner than you found it
- Do not drive or park vehicles on grass or landscaped areas
- Place all trash in sealed bags and dispose of it in trash bins—do not leave loose bags or boxes on the ground
- Dispose of charcoal only in designated containers or take it home—never leave it on the ground, grass, or near trees
- Alcohol and smoking (including e-cigarettes) are prohibited at all City parks
- City ordinance violators should be reported to the police immediately

To learn more about the Parks and Recreation Department, visit www.ElPasoTexas.gov/parks.

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