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El Paso International Airport to Close Out Year Serving Thousands of Holiday Travelers

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso's International Airport (ELP) is preparing for a busy holiday season with more than 270,000 passengers expected to travel starting, December 19.

The end-of-year holiday travel period runs from December 19 to January 5, 2026.

"The end of the year is always a very busy time at the El Paso International Airport. To spread holiday cheer and create memorable positive experiences for our travelers and visitors, we've transformed the terminal into a winter wonderland featuring bright lights, colorful decorations and other festive décor," said El Paso Aviation Director Tony Nevarez.

Travel Tips

Plan ahead: Visit [TSA.gov](https://www.tsa.gov) to review the list of prohibited items and identification requirements.

Check flight status and arrive early: Check with your airline to track live flight status. Passengers are encouraged to arrive at least two hours before their scheduled departure time, allowing enough time for check-in, security screening, and boarding.

Parking: Expect the short-term parking lot to fill up fast. Travelers should consider using the seasonal lot or catching a ride to the airport.

Picking up Passengers: Use the Cell Phone Waiting Lot to avoid circling the terminal.

Additional Parking Options

Seasonal Lot: A temporary seasonal parking lot is open at Boeing Drive and Bonanza Street with free shuttle service to and from the terminal to help accommodate increased holiday traffic. The seasonal lot will close after January 20, 2026, and no vehicles may remain in the lot beyond this date.

Expanded West Lot: The West Lot near the terminal has temporary millings to provide additional daily parking spaces in the West Lot. The entire West Lot will close on January 10, 2026, for reconstruction and landscaping upgrades. No vehicles may remain in the lot after that date.

For airport updates, parking details, and additional services, visit [FlyELP.com](https://flyelp.com) or follow us on social media.

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