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NEWS RELEASE

Keep Parks Clean During Mother's Day Weekend

EL PASO, Texas - The Parks and Recreation Department asks the public to keep parks clean by picking up trash during Mother's Day weekend.

The festive weekend is traditionally one of the busiest times of the year for people to use city parks to celebrate. The Parks and Recreation Department provides trash bins but encourages park visitors to bring trash bags. Pets are always welcome at City parks, but pet owners are asked to pick up pet waste and keep their pets on a leash.

In addition, used charcoal and other items should be taken home by park visitors or thrown in the proper receptacle and not on the ground or next to trash bins or trees as the charcoal can damage grass and destroy trees.

Park maintenance staff spent three days picking up trash left behind during this year's Easter weekend celebrations at City parks.

Residents are asked to know the rules and be mindful when visiting City parks.

Do's and Don'ts for Park Visitors

- The simple rule "leave it better than you found it" applies to all park users
- Trash left in the parks should be put in a trash bag and left in a trash bin and not 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 in a trash bin or taken home.
- Alcoholic beverages and smoking (including e-cigarettes) are not allowed in city parks
- City ordinance violators should be reported to the police immediately

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