Fiesta Cascarones

Cascarones go hand in hand with Fiesta. They are fun, especially for children, who love to crack them open over each other’s heads.

Yet these confetti-filled eggs present a challenge for City streets maintenance crews and for our creeks and ocean. The City has been installing filters over all the storm drain inlets on State Street to keep the confetti from entering the storm drain system, creeks, and the ocean. The eggs are often filled with Mylar—a polyester film—that poses an environmental hazard for marine life, including whales, turtles, dolphins, seals, fish, and water-fowl, who think it’s food. It is also just plain litter, which has to be cleaned up with street sweeping, and by hand.

Enjoy the cascarones, but be mindful that this fun comes at a cost, both for cleanup and to wildlife. Avoid purchasing cascarones filled with Mylar or plastic material.

Viva La Fiesta!