Planning your annual Easter egg hunt? This year make it egg-stra special! Whether your Easter egg hunt is for just your family or it's for your church or community, these simple tips will help you host a fun and festive Easter egg hunt on a sensible budget.

1. **Decide on Decorations**

If the weather is nice, have the hunt in your backyard or a nearby park. A fun way to mark the hunt is to use a pennant banner, colorful cones, streamers or balloons to map out the area. If there are trees in the area, hang plastic Easter eggs or pastel paper lanterns from the branches to create a festive Easter egg hunt atmosphere. Add an Easter Bunny stand-up at the entrance to your egg hunt area to give kids a very “hoppy” hello!

For a church or community event, you may want to consider having snacks after the egg hunt. If so, stock up on table covers, napkins and plastic plates, cups and utensils, as well as extra streamers and balloons to decorate the area.

2. **Prepare the Eggs**

Candy and toy-filled eggs take the work out of egg preparation and save you both time and money. You can still order unfilled eggs to fill with your own special treats, too. Kids love stickers, tattoos, rings and bouncing balls, and you can never go wrong with Easter-themed plush, toys and games, either. Plan about a dozen eggs per Easter egg hunter.

*Tip: If you’ll be filling hundreds of eggs yourself, enlist some help from family members, neighbors or church volunteers. Make it a fun evening by taking snack breaks or watching movies while filling eggs!*

3. **Plan a Hunting Strategy**

Want to make sure the youngest guests aren’t overwhelmed by all the egg-citement? There are a couple of ways to approach it. First, if you will have a wide age range of children participating, you can designate one area for the younger kids and another area for the older children, with the eggs for the younger ones fairly easy to find. Try designating a specific color for each child with a ribbon or rubber bracelet. Mark their treats with the same color, then instruct each child to look for just their color. When the hunt is over, each child has an equal amount of goodies to call their own. If the older children finish before the little ones, recruit them to help the little ones find all of their eggs.

*Tip: If you’re having a neighborhood or church Easter egg hunt, remember to have a couple of extra Easter baskets on hand for those who may have forgotten to bring one.*

4. **Greet your Guests**

The day of your Easter egg hunt, post a personalized yard sign or an Easter Egg Hunt sign in the lawn. It’s a great way to make your guests feel welcome and get kids excited for the big event. For even more fun, wow your guests with a visit from the Easter bunny himself! Have an adult don an Easter Bunny costume and hand out favors from a decorated Easter basket. Your guests will be talking about it long after the event!