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Culture Resource Page: El Año Nuevo ~ New Year

Noche Vieja	New Year's Eve	música	music
Año Nuevo	New Year	brindis	toast
¡Feliz Año Nuevo!	Happy New Year!	campanadas	bells
globos	balloons	celebración	celebration
confeti	confetti	las uvas	grapes



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Notas Culturales ~ Culture Notes

New Year celebrations and traditions vary from country to country, many being religious and others superstitious. For example, in Spain, people eat twelve grapes (*uvas*), one at each stroke of the clock at midnight to wish good luck for each of the twelve months to come in the next year! The tradition of "*las doce uvas de la suerte*" (the 12 lucky grapes) is a century old!

In México, throwing a bucket of water out the window signifies throwing out the old year and welcoming the new. In Ecuador, hiding money around the house is thought to bring prosperity. At the very least, if you've forgotten where you've hidden your cash and end up finding it again a few months down the road, it's like getting free money!