

Kern County Soccer Park gets 500-ton compost donation

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Five hundred tons of donated compost were delivered to the Kern County Soccer Park Monday.

The donation comes from Lamont businessman Dave Baldwin, manager of Community Recycling and Resource Recovery.

"We've had a long-standing relationship with them," Baldwin said of the soccer park.

Baldwin has donated compost to the soccer park for seven or eight years. He said he enjoys doing it because it helps kids have a nice place to play soccer.

It costs about \$10,500 for 500 tons of compost.

Mike Henson, landscape supervisor at Kern County Soccer Park, is very grateful for the compost. Because it is organic, it saves the soccer park from having to buy man-made fertilizer, and it makes the soil much better for growing grass.

Henson said there would be no grass in some areas if it were not for the compost.

Five hundred tons of compost is enough to cover all 24 fields at the soccer park, said Dana Hamilton, Kern County Soccer Park publicity director. She added that compost makes for a softer and safer playing surface.

The compost will be applied to the grass at the soccer fields now through Friday, according to Henson.