

Crushed glass used in Jetport landscaping

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LAS CRUCES - Tons of sparkling crushed glass have now completely replaced the previous gray gravel surrounding the office of the Doña Ana County International Jetport.

The crushed brown glass reflects the sun, and is accented in specific locations with crushed clear glass - which looks like white sand or snow. The glass "cullet" is made from recycled bottles and jars, dropped off by residents and dumped into the hopper of an industrial sized glass crusher at the South Central Solid Waste Authority (SCSWA).

"Over the past eight months, we delivered approximately 30 tons of crushed glass for the landscaping project at the Jetport," says Tarkeysha Burton, SCSWA recycling coordinator. "Some benefits of using the crushed glass/glass mulch are:

William Provance, manager of the DAC Jetport, agrees, saying, "The goal here was improving without a major investment. We've found the glass does not blow around, even in the very strong winds we've had recently. When the SCSWA delivers it, the glass is dumped on a concrete driveway here at the office, and we spread it on top of black material that is a weed barrier."

Provance laughs, "It's sparkles in the sunlight. Just about everybody who visits the office has commented on it - people like to walk in the crushed glass to see what it feels like, so we have to keep smoothing it over."

The DAC International Jetport at Santa Teresa is a full-service airport serving southern Doña Ana County and El Paso. Provance says 168 airplanes are based at the airport, and daily there are 150 to 200 flights coming in and out. Onsite are 48 hangers/buildings, including the main office. The Jetport Fire Station, next to the office, moves into Phase 2 construction this summer. That means three more offices, converting the current building into dorm rooms. It also means more tons of crushed glass in the future!

Residents may obtain their own crushed glass free from the SCSWA Recycling Center, 2865 W. Amador. “Hopefully other facilities within the city and county, such as parks, will be able to partner with us to benefit in the way the jetport has,” Burton added.

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