Near Arvin, the 80-acre landfill buffer zone is now a premier radio-controlled flying field hosting national flying competitions and exhibitions year-round.

The Bear Mountain Flyers searched for more than 20 years to find a decent place to fly. The "flat as a pancake" property adjacent to the Arvin Landfill turned out to be a perfect location.

Thirty members of this dedicated organization converted the sun-scorched parcel into an ideal location for setting the radio-controlled aircraft into the friendly skies. The club maintains the grounds while the airplane activity keeps the birds and pests at bay.

A radio station broadcasts from a facility built on remediated property in Mojave.

A paint ball arena operated adjacent to the Tehachapi Landfill.

An industrial complex is being sub-divided near Delano, and the city of Delano plans to develop soccer fields on landfill buffer property. Likewise, the Delano-McFarland School District is developing plans for a Compressed Natural Gas Facility and Transportation Yard.

Almonds, grapes and alfalfa grow in buffer zones across the county, as shown in the Newsletter banner photo above. The possibilities are as diverse as the interests of Kern's residents.

KCWMD maintains ownership of the

Liberty Park, features five soccer fields, a multi-purpose field, two volleyball courts, family picnic pads, a group picnic shelter, children's play area and an open play area on 24-acres of land formerly used as a burn dump.

The transformation from dump to park didn't happen overnight. In order to prepare this valuable Rosedale real estate for development, KCWMD moved and encapsulated the burn dump ash - out of harm's way.

After remediation by KCWMD and inspection by local and state agencies, the site was permitted and ready for development. North of the River Recreation and Parks, along with Waste Management, created a multi-functional community park serving the needs of a growing Northwest population.
The Bear Mountain Flyers’ new field has a 430-foot landing strip on Arvin Landfill buffer zone property owned by the Kern County Waste Management Department.

A remediated burn dump site near Mojave is home to an FCC approved tower transmission site.

The sky’s the limit!

For Your Information
Local Landfill Locations & Hours:

**Bena Landfill**
17 miles east of Bakersfield, off Hwy. 58, at Tower Line Road
**Open Daily:** 8 am to 4 pm

**Borond Landfill**
1/2 mile south of Boron, at 11400 Boron Avenue
**Open: Sun, Mon, Tues & Thurs:** 12 pm to 4 pm
**Sat:** 8 am to 4 pm
**Closed: Wednesday and Friday**

**Mojave-Rosamond Landfill**
5 miles south of Mojave, 1 mile east of Hwy. 14, at 400 Silver Queen Road
**Open: Sun, Wed and Fri:** 8 am to noon
**Mon and Sat:** 8 am to 4 pm
**Closed: Tues and Thurs**

**Ridgcrest Landfill**
5 miles southwest of Ridgcrest, 3301 Bowman Road
**Open Daily:** 8 am to 4 pm

**Shafter-Wasco Landfill**
8 miles west of Shafter, off Lerdo Hwy.
1 mile north of Scofield Ave at 16721 Scofield Ave
**Open Daily** Sun: 10 am to 2 pm
**Mon - Sat:** 8 am to 4 pm

**Taft Landfill**
4 miles north of Taft, 1 mile north of Hwy. 119, at 13351 Elk Hills Rd.
**Open: Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat**
**Sun:** noon to 4 pm
**Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat:** 8 am to 4 pm
**Closed: Tues and Thurs**

**Tehachapi Landfill**
12001 Tehachapi Blvd., Tehachapi
**Open: Sun, Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat**
Mon, Wed, Fri and Sat: 8 am to 4 pm
Sun: 8 am to 12 pm
**Closed: Tues and Thurs**

**Kern County Special Waste Facilities:**

**Metro Bakersfield Facility**
4951 Standard Street, Bakersfield
**Thursday - Saturday** 8 AM until 4 PM

**Mojave Facility**
17035 Finnin Street at the Mojave Airport
**1st Saturday of every month**
9:00 Am until NOON

NOTE: All county sites are closed on the following holidays:
New Year’s Day, Easter Sunday, 4th of July, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

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land - offering long-term leases to project facilitators. Interested parties present ideas to the department and negotiate leases with the county’s Property Management Division. Each project must be approved by the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

According to members of the Bear Mountain Flyers, "Negotiations with the Kern County Waste Management Department were surprisingly simple. The field is set in the soil rich southern San Joaquin Valley, the only neighbors for miles are grape vineyards, cotton and row crops."

The Waste Management Department will continue to explore potential uses for other usable parcels. Possibilities include: Park & Rides, Equestrian Trails, Cell Towers, even Bee Storage for Pollination Projects.

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Ash from an old Northwest Bakersfield Burn Dump was moved, encapsulated, buried, inspected and approved before construction on Liberty Park began.
**RECYCLE Electronic Waste**

There’s a productive future for used televisions and computer monitors, a future of **reusing and recycling**. Electronic waste (E-waste), banned from local landfills because of hazardous components, is a by-product of technology. Cathode ray tube (CRT) devices including TVs and computer monitors; LCD desktop monitors, laptop computers and televisions; and plasma TVs contain hazardous materials and cannot be tossed into a landfill.

As computers and televisions age, many residents upgrade their systems - leaving a void for the older models. Since many of these devices have countless hours of usable life remaining, the Kern County Waste Management Department encourages residents to utilize one of the community-based **REUSE** programs.

Working televisions and computer monitors are accepted FREE of charge at many participating nonprofit organizations located throughout the county. Donate working electronics to the Bakersfield Association of Retarded Citizens (BARC), Goodwill Industries, Salvation Army, or St. Vincent De Paul.

For E-waste, whose life has come to an end, the department recommends a community **RECYCLING** program. Non-working E-waste can be taken to any Kern County Disposal site, the Kern County Special Waste Facility, a one-day Bulky Waste Collection Event, BARC and Fortune Metals. These locations accept residential electronic waste at no cost.

As of July 1, 2007, businesses will be charged $38.25 a ton at county facilities; there is no charge for businesses at either BARC or Fortune Metals.

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**www.ciwmb.ca.gov\Electronics\Collection\RecyclerSearch.aspx**

**DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS**

The Kern County Waste Management Department continually explores new ways to publicize ongoing programs; hours of operation; facility locations; and special event projects. We recognize that what works for one program may not work for another. For example, the Bakersfield Speedway is a perfect match for promoting the used oil recycling program. The Kern County Fair is an excellent venue for general disposal site information. We target elementary and middle school children with recycling and anti-illegal dumping messages through award-winning puppet show presentations.

Mass media is used to target broad audiences with information appealing to a variety of people. Bulky Waste and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events are often promoted on television, radio and in print publications. Special programs, such as Christmas Tree Recycling, Curbside and Drop-off Recycling are marketed this way as well. We also publish the Kern County Recycling Guide in the at&t Real Yellow Pages. Hand delivered to thousands of homes and businesses each year, the Recycling Guide delivers thirty pages of useful information on waste disposal and recycling.

The department partners with business to accomplish waste reduction goals as well. A popular program, Telephone Book Recycling, is a collaboration with at&t and the local nonprofit Community Clean Sweep. This program has been a department standard for 20 years. This year, 1066 telephone books, setup in domino fashion at the Kern County Administration Building, tumbled in one accord to set a Guinness World Book of Records - record ... and get extensive media coverage for the program to boot!

As long as we have a message to communicate, we'll continue to find new ways to tell you all about it. As a matter of fact, this newsletter is yet another way we’re reaching out to the communities we serve. So when you're done reading, share it with a friend or recycle it with the rest of your paper, in doing so you'll play a small part in helping the county meet waste diversion goals and we'll have won a small victory in getting the word out!
This book is packed with more than just telephone numbers!

The **at&t Real Yellow Pages** is packed with everything you need to know about waste recycling and disposal in Kern County.

Look for the **Kern County Recycling Guide** green & white tab and put the world of waste recycling and disposal at your fingertips.

Where can I take tires? It’s in there.
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The **at&t Real Yellow Pages**. More than just telephone numbers ... much more.

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**Contact Us:**

**Kern County Recycling Hotline:**
(661) 862-8979

**Kern County Waste Management Department**
Local: (661) 862–8900
Toll-free: (800) 552–KERN (option6)  (800) 552–5376
TTY – ready: (800) 735–2929
Web site: www.co.kern.ca.us/wmd

**City of Bakersfield Solid Waste Division**
Local: (661) 326–3114
(Mount Vernon Green Waste Facility & Metro Bakersfield Drop-Off Recycling Centers)
Web site: www.ci.bakersfield.ca.us

**California Integrated Waste Management Board**
Sacramento: (916) 341–6300
Web site: www.ciwmb.ca.gov

**California Materials & Exchange (Cal-MAX)**
(877) 520–9703
Web site: www.ciwmb.ca.gov/calmax

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The **2007 Telephone Book Recycling Kick-off** netted hundreds of onlookers and a lot of FREE exposure!

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