

## Cork Pellet Infill Takes Crumb Rubber's Place

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### **Cork Pellet Infill Makes Artificial Turf Safer**

For decades now, sports fans have known that artificial turf makes for the perfect playing surface. Real grass needs constant upkeep and lawn care. Artificial turf, on the other hand, stays in great shape and doesn't ask field owners to exert much effort to keep it that way. That said, there have been some who worried that the crumb rubber infill used in this surface option was not safe or healthy. Now, thanks to cork pellet infill, they can set those concerns aside. Cork pellet infill is much safer than crumb rubber, and sports venues across the country are adding it to their fields. If you'd like to learn more about the benefits of organic infills for artificial turf, SF Bay Area fake grass experts [Watersavers Turf](#) will gladly explain why they are built for safety.

### **Safe Sports Turf Infill for Synthetic Turf**

When sports teams began playing games on synthetic turf fields, some players claimed that landing on the surface was too hard. Soon after, shock pads and sports turf infill were added to give the field more of a cushion. The problem was, the first sports turf infill was made from crumb rubber which is made from recycled tire rubber. While it does make a synthetic turf field easier to play on, there have long been concerns about how safe it is. Some have claimed that breathing in toxic fumes from it could lead to diseases like cancer. That's why more and more people have made the switch to a new type of sports turf infill that uses cork instead of rubber. Synthetic turf was always great to play on but now it's safer than ever.

### **Faux Grass Offers Safety for High School Teams**

For some students, sports are more than just a pastime. They give them a chance to build their skills, learn the value of hard work, and maybe even find a career. The sad truth, though, is that a lot of school districts can't afford to maintain real grass playing fields. As such, many students are not able to play the sports that interest them.

Districts that have installed fake grass fields, however, have found that doing so saves them a lot of money in the long run. Because the field doesn't need to be watered, fertilized, or mowed, long-term costs are kept low.

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Still, concerned parents have worried that crumb rubber infill isn't safe for their kids. That's why schools like Casa Grande High School in Petaluma, CA have replaced it with a new cork infill instead. This organic turf infill was a nice upgrade to their existing synthetic turf field. The product offers the same benefits as rubber, without any toxins that could cause harm.

Other schools, putting in a faux grass surface for the first time, have opted to use cork pellets for infill right off the bat. Such is the case at [Carey Stadium](#), in Ocean City, NJ. Right away, the new sports field has made players and coaches very happy. Like many other athletes who have played on this type of surface, they have found that it is safe, has great cushion, is easy to run on, and stands up to rain.

Even the school's band director felt the urge to comment. Donna Schwartz said, "The City did an excellent job of maintaining the old field, but sometimes after bad weather you had to deal with mud or slush. That's not an issue anymore. It feels safe. There's nice cushioning to it."

Band students also said they were looking forward to performing on the field. This is a good example of why faux grass is not just for sports teams. For any outdoor event, it is a great option.

Parents are also happy. The cork infill is non-toxic, meaning they don't have to concern themselves with health worries.

Safety isn't the only reason this new type of infill has gotten such a warm reception. Rubber infill didn't make a field look like real grass. Its black color simply didn't match the natural look of a classic sports field. Cork is tan. This color blends in much better with green. As a result, it looks much more like live grass.

If you want a safe and non-toxic faux grass playing surface for your field or backyard, we at Watersavers Turf have the perfect products for your needs. Stop by one of our SF Bay Area [locations](#) to pick up some free 1' X 1' samples or to speak with us about your project. Online, you can also get a [free estimate](#) or chat with us 24/7. Or, you can call us at 844-974-8873 for more info. Also, be sure to [download](#) our newsletters at our website, or "Like" us on [Facebook](#) to see them all.