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District announces it will no longer giveaway turf to public

The old synthetic turf that was removed from Ratliff Stadium this summer will not be given away to the general public. School district officials apologize for the confusion and the inconvenience for those who went to the stadium on Tuesday in hopes of getting pieces of the turf.

“This synthetic turf is perfectly safe for the kids and adults who play and practice on it,” said ECISD Chief Operations Officer David Finley. “It is manufactured to very specific safety guidelines and this type of turf is used all over the United States and the world.”

However, the turf does contain encapsulated lead that can be dangerous if ingested and district officials feel it is better to keep the turf and dispose of it themselves.

“When we install the turf we have complete control of it,” added Mr. Finley. “It is professionally installed, maintained, and repaired; and we control how it is used. Once we release any of it to the public we can no longer control those things, so while the risk is minimal, we want to err on the side of caution.”

The District provided a safety disclaimer to the few people who took turf on Monday but ultimately decided on Tuesday morning to stop the giveaway altogether. If anyone who picked up pieces of the turf on Monday no longer want to keep, the District will pick up it from them free of charge, just contact the ECISD Communications Department at 456-9019.

For more information about this release contact ECISD Communications at 456-9019.