

# CITY OF PALMDALE

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### New Playground Now Open at Joshua Hills Park in Palmdale

PALMDALE – The City of Palmdale has announced that a new playground at Joshua Hills Park, located adjacent to Joshua Hills Elementary School at Fairfield Ave and Via Del Rio, is now open to residents.

Originally constructed in 1989 as a very basic and traditional playground with sand play surface, it was coming out of compliance from current safety standards and beyond repair.

The City adopted the playground improvement project as part of its 2015/16 budget. The total cost \$116,000, and was funded with park development fees

As a cost savings measure, demolition prior to the construction was done by City Maintenance staff. GameTime and Great Western Park did the installation.

The 3.6 acres park playground is it split in two sections: one for children ages 2-5 years of age and the other for kids ages 5-12. It marks Palmdale's first nature-inspired playground---a current popular trend in playground design---with engineered wood fiber play surface.

"The playground is a natural fit when it comes to planning outdoor play spaces, combining the adventure and wonder of nature with the durability and safety of play equipment," said Recreation and Culture Director Keri Smith.

"As with all our City's parks, I encourage Joshua Hills park users to actively support their community investment by reporting any illegal or suspicious behavior to [www.cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/Neighborhood-Services/Park-Watch](http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/Neighborhood-Services/Park-Watch)."