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We would like to welcome our newest clients to Precision!

- The Art House
- The Park at Montgomery Farm
- Cottonwood Valley HOA
- Freeport POA
- Vaquero HOA
- Welch, 14311
- Mesquite Towne Centre Plaza
- Harvest Hill
- Greenville, 7515
- One Hillcrest
- Heritage Heights
- The Highlands
- Park West Plaza
- Cross Timbers
- Flower Mound Crossing
- Abrams, 5510
- Walnut Hill 1340-50
- Ridge Rd, 3001-3007
- Hunters Glen Crossing
- Riverview Village
- Medical City Hospital

Popular Annual Color

Choices for Fall/Winter

- Pansies
- Violas
- Dusty Miller
- Swiss Chard
- Kale
- Tulips
- Daffodils



CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

Precision Landscape Management

Tenure at PLM; how many years have you worked for your company?

We are always ecstatic to tell people how long employees have been at Precision Landscape Management (PLM). As most of you know our company is still a family owned company and was started in 1979. PLM has been fortunate to continue to grow and gain some of the best employees in the area over the years. Just our management staff has over 450 years of combined experience in landscape services.

Our tenure at PLM shows how much our employees care about the company and trust in us. All employees are treated alike by being included in the profit sharing and bonus program. As of this year about 65% of our employees' tenure is over 5 years and counting!

*Check out the back of this page under "Employee Anniversaries" for employees being recognized for 10 plus years! Below are photos of our bi-annual Awards Recognition for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years with the company.

Keep up with Precision Landscape Management (Dallas, TX) now on [FACEBOOK](#) where we post landscaping tips, activities, and company news!



Above: Bruce Birdsong, CEO, handing out awards and Below: Scott Freis, President, handing out awards with Rey Castillo, Vice President of Operations.



Water!

Thank goodness for all the spring rains we have been having over the last couple of months. They have been very much needed and also helped hold off on cities enforcing any new stricter water restrictions. Most cities in the DFW Metroplex have either voluntary water restrictions or twice weekly watering as of now. Cities around the North Texas Water Municipal District (NTWMD) have been hit harder with these restrictions due to not being able to pump from Lake Texoma. On the other hand there are cities like Dallas who now have year around mandatory water restrictions and only allow citizens to water twice weekly. Water is a very precious resource we have taken for granted for many years. 25% of the available water supply in Texas is used for landscapes. The use of native and adapted plants helps to conserve this precious resource. We all need to be good stewards of our water and use it wisely.



PLM Department Spotlight: IRRIGATION

Did you know Precision Landscape Management employs 18 licensed irrigators and 2 irrigation techs? This is something our company is very thrilled to let existing and potential clients know. Our irrigation techs are highly skilled professionals who perform monthly irrigation inspections onsite and make any repairs. When a monthly irrigation system inspection is performed, recommendations are made which will assist our clients in reducing water usage. In addition to identifying damage to the system, we also identify items that would improve the efficiency of the system. In many cases the irrigation was originally installed many years earlier. New innovations with irrigation components allow us ways to improve, and minimize water usage. We also have licensed irrigators who perform backflow prevention tests, water audits, and are Maxicom central control certified.



Above: Fifteen of our hard working irrigators. (The other 5 are out of our Prosper location)

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES June– August (10 plus years)

- Linda Carrara, Landscape Architect, 21 years
- Darrell Mullins, Landscape Consultant, 18 years
- Dan Bollin, Head Mechanic, 18 years
- Dale Boroff, Prosper Head Irrigation, 15 years
- Pascual Gallegos, Maintenance Crew, 14 years
- Arturo Martinez, Maintenance Porter, 14 years
- Pete Walsh, Landscape Department Head, 13 years
- Rocky Flores, Landscape Manager, 13 years
- Hector Molina, Maintenance Crew, 12 years
- Moises Tamayo, Maintenance Manager, 12 years
- Rolando DelRosario, Maintenance Manager, 10 years
- Angel Duenes, Maintenance Manager, 11 years
- Nester Alonso, Maintenance Crew, 11 years
- Jose Escobedo, Maintenance Crew, 10 years
- Domingo Martinez, Mechanic, 10 years

Seasonal Spotlight: Cyclamen

Cyclamen bloom in late fall to spring in many colors: crimson, red, rose pink, salmon, purples and white. The flowers are usually large, uniform, 3 to 4 inches, borne on 6 to 8 inch stems above kidney-shaped, dark green leaves. Some varieties have silvery marbling on their leaves. Cyclamen have a firm, upright habit and are quite vigorous. Dwarf or mini cyclamen are popular because their 1/2 to 3/4 size makes them perfect for smaller gardens or for the window sill. Plant outdoors in southern areas as a fall and winter bedding plant. They prefer rich, porous soil with lots of humus. Cyclamen are hardy to 20 degrees F. Plants will lose their leaves and go dormant in hot weather but may survive if drainage is good and soil is not waterlogged or too dry.

At A Glance: Cyclamen

Dimension: 3-12" H x 9-12" W

Water: Average
Exposure: Light Shade

Flower Feature: Resemble shooting stars

Growth: Moderate growth, clumping tendencies



Summer Home Gardening Tips

- Remove spent blooms from annuals to ensure they will continue to bloom all summer.
- Be on the lookout for Bagworms, especially on Junipers. Pick them off individually for small infestations. Or spray BT Worm Killer while caterpillars are small and mobile.



Bag Worms

- Also, look for Spider Mites and Lace Bugs.

Spray the Lace Bugs with a systemic insecticide. Both will leave a fine tan speckling on leaves. For Spider Mites, tap a suspected leaf over a white piece of paper.

If the specs that fall on the paper move you will know you have them. Treat the Mites with miticide.



Did you know?

All maintenance employees attend monthly safety and industry related company meetings. This helps ensure our employees pay attention to their surroundings and utilize practices to reduce any incidents.

Recipe Corner: Apple Streusel Cheesecake Bars

From the Recipe files of Lauren Little

Ingredients

- 1 pouch (1 lb 1.5 oz) Betty Crocker® oatmeal cookie mix
- 1/2 cup firm butter or margarine
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 Tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 1 can (21 oz) apple pie filling
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts

Directions

- Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom and sides of 13x9-inch pan with cooking spray.
- Place cookie mix in large bowl. With pastry blender or

fork, cut in butter until mixture is crumbly and coarse. Reserve 1 1/2 cups crumb mixture; press remaining crumbs in bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes.

- Meanwhile, in large bowl, beat cream cheese, sugar, flour, vanilla and egg with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth.
- Spread cream cheese mixture evenly over partially baked crust. In medium bowl, mix pie filling and cinnamon. Spoon evenly over cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle reserved crumbs over top. Sprinkle with walnuts.

Bake 35 to 40 minutes longer or until light golden brown. Cool about 30 minutes. Refrigerate to chill, about 2 hours. For bars, cut into 6 rows by 4 rows. Store covered in refrigerator.



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