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**We would like to welcome our newest clients to Precision!**

- FPMC– Phase 3
- Raising Cane’s– Cooper St
- Raising Cane’s– Stacey Rd
- Raising Cane’s–Glade Rd
- Addison Hangar
- Rasing Cane’s– University
- One Summerside
- McAllister Square
- Staybridge Suites
- Hyatt Place Historic Stockyards
- Dunbar Products
- Stemmons Tower
- 1825 Market Center
- Corporate Center 161
- ECS Refining
- Primrose School of Las Colinas
- Story, 220 N
- Coit Rd, 6853
- NCX 1300
- Raising Cane’s– Beltline

**Popular Annual Color Choices for Summer**

- Periwinkles*
- Zinnia*
- Penta*
- Coleus*
- Blue Salvia*
- Scaveloa*
- Angelonia*
- Lantana*
- Purslane*



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# Precision Landscape Management

## THINKING AHEAD!

Our goal this year is to be more forward thinking and help our clients as much as we can to plan ahead for any other drought restrictions that may take place. As you know and have dealt with first hand, the North Texas area is struggling especially in the last year with the severe drought. Some cities have stricter policies than others which reduced many projects and/or caused much landscaping to be postponed or modified. The best way to help our natural resources is to use our water wisely by ensuring your irrigation system is working correctly, having a true ET based irrigation controller, make sure you don't over water and ensuring proper planting.

We have met with our seasonal color growers to have drought and sun tolerant varieties ready ahead of schedule so the plants can get established early before further water restrictions are implemented. If plants have died due to the severe summer of 2011, we can help you make more appropriate choices for your property. Since we are trying to make our fall and winter color last longer this year we have applied liquid insecticide to prevent and control aphids on our Pansies and Violas. Please contact your landscape consultant if you need more information about plantings for your property.

Also due to the drought restrictions, we have done lots of research to find out what amendments we could add to our existing soil prep for seasonal color. We are using different amendments which will help establish the roots of the plants more quickly and keep them hydrated between watering days.

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



### Going the Distance!

February 16th, Precision's sales consultants and our landscape architect attended the YC Symposium. Topics included; New Year-New Challenges-New Opportunities, Living Walls-Functional Plantings, Landscape Solutions-Soil, Water and Fertility, Perennials for the Water Wise Landscape. Award Winning Plant Solutions of North Texas, and Color in the Landscape- the Latest and the Greatest.

Precision employees strive to continue education by attending seminars and clinics so they can keep informed about any cutting edge practices, color selections, chemical applications, irrigation smart controllers, etc. Please let us know if you are ever interested in a Lunch and Learn so we can share some of this knowledge with you and how it pertains to your industry.

### PLM Department Spotlight: TREE

We have 2 tree crews on hand at all times at PLM. Our tree crews handle tree pruning, thinning of the trees, sucker removal, tree removal, and stump grinding. Our tree crews have to go through extensive training especially regarding safety. Along with the initial training they also attend weekly safety meetings to make sure they always stay aware of their surroundings and are proactive.

The picture below on the bottom left shows a tree removal from a rotted tree which was removed as volunteer work at the most recent Dallas BOMA Adopt-A-Block. The picture at the bottom right shows a tree crew using the chipper after removing a large limb which fell at a property due to bad weather conditions. \*Also see the "Did you know?" section on the back of this page.

Also check out our [FACEBOOK](#) page for a demonstration video of how our stump grinder works in action!



## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES February—May (12 plus years)

- Bruce Birdsong, CEO, 32 years
- Nemorio Rocha, Maintenance Manager, 26 years
- Rey Castillo, VP of Operations, 21 years
- Policarpo Ambrocio, 19 years, Maintenance Crew
- Servando Nambo, 17 years, Maintenance Manager
- Mario Mora, 16 years, Landscape Crew
- Antonio Mendieta, 15 years, Landscape Manager
- Steve Warneke, 15 years, Irrigation Department Head
- Scott Freis, 15 years, President
- Ignacio Ipina, 14 years, Maintenance Crew
- Rodolfo Ahedo, 14 years, Chemical Tech
- Juan Jimenez, 13 years, Maintenance Manager
- Eduardo Hernandez, 12 years, Landscape Crew
- Miguel Lopez, 12 years, Landscape Crew
- Tomas Lopez, 12 years, Landscape Manager
- Nicolas Alonso, 12 years, Maintenance Manager
- Donai Perez, 12 years, Maintenance Crew
- Jose Quiroz, 12 years, Maintenance Crew

## Seasonal Spotlight

Scaevola is a great heat and drought tolerant plant that loves the sun. You can plant it in early summer and it will continuously bloom to the first freeze; no dead-heading is necessary. It works great as a border in your landscape's color creations, hanging baskets, planters and more. Scaevola comes in pink, blue (looks more like purple) and white. It will be a great addition to any yard!



### At A Glance: Scaevola

**Dimension:** 8-12" H x 10-12" W  
**Water:** Low Average  
**Exposure:** Sun  
**Flower Feature:** Fan Flower  
**Growth:** Moderate growth and has a trailing habit up to 24"



## Spring Home Gardening Tips

- Perennials, most grasses and all varieties of Liriope should be cut back. Many have begun to send up sprouts so be careful not to cut any new growth or the tips will be brown the rest of the year.
- This is a great time to prune your trees and plant any landscape material. Plants will be given the chance to become established before the summer months.
- Weeds are sprouting up fast. Apply a post emergent on any non-overseeded turf at this time which cover grassy and broadleaf weeds.
- Make sure you read the labels carefully and don't apply when it's windy.
- With warmer temperatures this early in the spring keep a close eye on your Pansies and Violas for aphids and treat them immediately. Otherwise the aphids will take over!

## Recipe Corner: Linguine with Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Olives and Lemon

### Ingredients

- 1 pound linguine pasta
- 1 cup (6 ounces) chopped or julienned sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained
- 1 cup (4 ounces) medium green olives, pitted
- 1 packed cup fresh basil leaves
- 1 clove garlic, roughly chopped
- 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- Zest and juice of 1 large lemon
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper



### Directions

-Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high heat. Add the pasta and cook until tender but still firm to the bite, stirring occasionally, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain and reserve about 1 cup of the pasta water. Place the pasta in a large serving bowl.

-In a food processor, combine the sun-dried tomatoes, olives, basil, garlic, oil, lemon zest, and lemon juice. Pulse until blended but still chunky.

-Add the Parmesan cheese to the pasta and toss well. Pour the tomato mixture on top and toss until the pasta is coated. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

www.foodnetwork.com [Recipe courtesy Giada De Laurentiis](#)

### Did you know?

Each of our tree pruning crews carries a large chipper that reduces debris by 70%. In some cases we are able to reuse the wood chips as mulch. All tree limbs are shredded, and separated from other landscape debris, and sent to a composting facility.



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**for info & tips on native plants, shrubs, trees, etc.**