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CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF SERVICE

# Precision Landscape Management

Two Grand Awards and Sustainable Company; 3rd year in a row!

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

- International Business Park  
Gramercy North & South  
Quorum, 5050  
Tristar Soccer Field
- Northpark Garden Townhomes  
Raising Canes- Lewisville  
Pleasant Run, 2424  
Gateway Station  
Cameron Crossing
- The Shops at Starwood  
Comet Cleaners  
Imperial House
- Denton Towne Crossing East  
Denton Towne Crossing West  
City Sprint
- Raising Canes-Rowlett  
Valwood 1335-45  
GSW Parkway 2125-2133  
Bigtown 1801  
Forney 8901  
Catron 5015-5201  
Eastpoint 8181-8201  
Eastpoint 8311  
Villa Serena  
Freedom Park

Environmental Improvement National Awards Received:

**Grand Award for The Centre  
Grand Award for Glen Abbey HOA  
And**

**Sustainable Company Award for Precision Landscape Management**

Precision is proud to add these awards to the already prestigious list of previous winners including; Dallas Galleria, Granite Park, The Mansion on Turtle Creek, and The Crescent.

In order to be a recipient of the prestigious Environmental Improvement National Award given by the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), landscape professionals from around the country judge sites on overall appearance, degree of difficulty, appearance of turf, trees, annual color, shrubs, and ground cover by a carefully selected panel of judges who are experts in the landscape industry. PLANET strives to increase public awareness of environmental improvement through contracted services and encourages the consistent use of quality materials and workmanship.

The Sustainable Company Award from PLANET recognizes businesses that strive to protect and conserve resources, reduce waste, prevent pollution, and promote an ethic of environmental sustainability and improvement within their workplace. PLANET also recognizes environmental vision and leadership in business and would like to shine a light on some of today's green business practices as a beacon for others to follow.

Please feel free to check out our [Facebook](http://facebook.com/PLMdfw) page (<http://facebook.com/PLMdfw>) to see all the photos which were submitted along with the descriptions of each photo. For more information about the awards and PLANET please feel free to go to [www.landcarenetwork.org](http://www.landcarenetwork.org)



The Centre



Glen Abbey HOA

**Popular Annual Color Choices for Fall/Winter**

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



## Safety is One of Our #1 Concerns!

Precision Landscape Management (PLM) was recently awarded an Overall Safety Achievement Award and No Days Away From Work at both their Dallas and Prosper locations from the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) for 2011!

The award, part of PLANET's annual Safety Recognition Awards Program honors those companies with thorough, high-performing safety programs that create and maintain safe work environments in the green industry. It is designed to reward green industry companies that consistently demonstrate their commitment to safety.

PLM was evaluated on number of accidents, number of days that employees were away from work, and the number of employee injuries and illnesses. In addition, a checklist was used to rate the company's complete safety program.

"PLM strives to always be safe by wearing protective gear, yielding to others, keeping a safe environment, being aware of surroundings, chemical safety, and more. Our weekly safety meetings and daily reminders with all crew members keep us ahead of the game and everyone informed. We recognize the importance of safety in the workplace and give Safety Recognition Bonuses quarterly. This shows our employees and clients we care. This recognition of our good safety record will put PLM head and shoulders above the competition." says CEO of PLM, Bruce Birdsong.

## EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES September-November (8 plus years)

- Gumaro Olguin, Maintenance Manager, 19 years
- Deb White, Office Manager, 16 years
- Jose Guterrez, Maintenance Crew, 14 years
- Ernesto Chavez, Irrigation Tech, 13 years
- Domingo Huerto, Assistant Maintenance Supervisor, 13 years
- Jose Torres, Landscape Manager, 13 years
- Fernando Posada, Maintenance Manager, 12 years
- Oscar Mandujano, Maintenance Manager, 11 years
- Joel Barton, Landscape Consultant, 10 years
- Manuel Garcia, Irrigation Tech, 9 years
- Luis Hernandez, Irrigation Tech, 9 years
- Martin Regis, Irrigation Tech, 9 years
- Edgar Nambo, Maintenance Manager, 8 years

## Did You Know?

Precision continually works to reduce the use of potable water for landscaping purposes. A monthly irrigation system inspection is performed and recommendations are made which 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. New innovations allow us to improve and minimize water usage.



## Fall Bulb Planting Tips

**Tulips and Hyacinths are considered annuals in Dallas. Daffodils can be annuals or perennials here. When buying, avoid bulbs with blue or green mold spots or mushy or dry, hollow bulbs. Below are some planting tips:**

**Daffodils** are not fussy about the type of soil. Good drainage (to avoid rotting) is important.

**As Annual:** Plant in sun or shade, no fertilizer needed. See Below.

**As Perennial:** Plant in sun or part shade. Plant pointed side up and 4-5 inches deep from top of bulb. Fertilize two times per year with balanced fertilizer (i.e. 10-10-10) Wait until leaves turn yellow and die back before cutting them back at soil level. This is important as next year's bloom is forming in the bulb. After 3-4 years they will need to be divided.

**Spacing:** Best effect is in groups of 10-12 or 2-3

rows. Single or widely spaced ones get lost and look scrawny.

### Tulips & Hyacinths:

Type of soil does not matter. Good drainage (to avoid rotting) is all that is needed as they have food stored for the first bloom cycle. Fertilizer is not needed. Since these will only be around for 1 bloom cycle they can be planted in sun or shade.

### Planting:

Plant pointed side up for all bulbs

Hyacinths: plant 4-5" deep from top of bulb

Tulips: plant 4-6" deep from top of bulb

Spacing: best effect is in groups of 10-12 or 2-3 rows. Single or widely spaced ones get lost and look minute.

## Congratulations!

One of our sales consultants, Lauren Little, gave birth to her daughter Berklee Nichole Little, July 19, 2012. Berklee weighed 7 pounds 10 ounces and measured 20.75 inches long. Congratulations to the Little family!

## Recipe Corner: Pecan Crusted Mahi Mahi

From the Recipe files of Becky Birdsong

### Ingredients

- 1/2 cup toasted chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup Panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs) or can use regular breadcrumbs
- 1 T. Flour
- 2 T. melted butter
- 4 Mahi Mahi fish steaks - salt/pepper or use Nature's Seasoning desired amount
- 4 T. Smuckers Mango Jam

### Directions

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. Combine nuts, breadcrumbs, flour and butter and set aside. Cover pan/cookie sheet with foil and spray with Pam. Season both sides of fish & bake 4 minutes. Brush fish with heated jam (I put in microwave). Pat nut mixture on top of fish and bake additional 6 to 8 minutes. Allow to stand 5 - 10 minutes before serving. Good with baked sweet potato and sugar snap peas.



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