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CELEBRATING 32 YEARS OF SERVICE

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# Precision Landscape Management

## NEW BEGININGS IN PROSPER

We would like to welcome our newest clients to Precision!

Josey Oaks

Castlebrook HOA

Stemmons Place

Lee Parkway

The House

Gateway Plaza

Sherman Commons

Dalworth, 825

MacArthur, 769-773

MacArthur, 751

Justin Rd, 1913

McKinney, 2000

Sherman Town Center II

Parkwood Park Center

### Popular Annual Color Choices for Spring

#### Early Spring:

*Petunias & Geraniums*

#### Mid Spring:

*Dianthus*

#### Late Spring:

*Impatiens and Begonias*



Prosper Office



Prosper Shop

Our NEW office in Prosper, TX is officially operational as of March 1st . Everyone at Precision could not be happier! Our North Office has 3 offices, conference room, a multimedia training room and more. Several Maintenance, Chemical, and Irrigation crews operate out of this office. Next to the office is a 3000 square foot shop which will allow our equipment to be serviced and maintained on a regular basis extending the life of the equipment upwards of two years.

Towards the back of the property is our 2 acre tree farm and 10 green houses.

Again thank you to our current clients for making this all possible.

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

## Continuing Education

### PLM Works with an EPA Program

Precision Landscape Management (PLM) will be featured in some EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) literature in regards to our water conservation efforts and achievements with various properties. We look forward to sharing this article with everyone once it is released.

Keep up with our [FACEBOOK](#) page for date the article will be released. If you are interested in learning more about water savings opportunities contact your landscape representative to find out about a water savings opportunity!

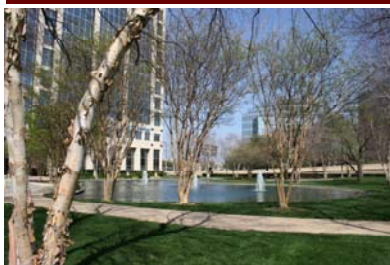


February 15th, Precision's sales consultants and our landscape architect attended the YC color workshop. Topics included, new varieties and color ideas for the landscape, Tried and True Performers for Texas, Design and Create Beautiful Containers, Caladiums, YC's recipe for being proactive on the prevention of disease and pest problems.

On February 18th, Precision had our annual managers meeting. At this meeting all crew managers, irrigation managers, sales and office personnel and upper management joined together as one team. Our speakers this year were Gary Brooks from Bayer and Adolf Fieros who is with IBTX our company insurance provider. We learned how to prevent, analyze and report incidents happening while on the job and in every day life.

Mr. Brooks from Bayer, a chemical distributor, talked about various insects that either help or hurt our landscape. Also covered new longer lasting pre & post emergent herbicides which are better for the environment, some which can last up to 9 months.

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.



**EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES**  
*February—April*

- Bruce Birdsong, CEO, 32 years
- Rey Castillo, Vice President, 20 years
- Steve Warneke, Irrigation Department Head, 14 years
- Scott Freis, President, 14 years
- Bill Fann, Sales Consultant, 4 years
- Michelle Johnston, Sales Consultant, 1 year
- Lauren Little, Sales Consultant, 1 year



**Seasonal Spotlight**

With its dwarf size and weeping habit, Purple Pixie Loropetalum is helpful in many situations. It grows only 1 to 2 feet tall by 4 to 5 feet wide. It can be used as ground cover and it can add vibrant color to hanging baskets, window boxes, and other containers. Showy pink flowers combine with rich purple foliage. Like all Loropetalum it is sensitive to hi PH levels.



**At A Glance:**  
**Purple Pixie Loropetalum**

**Dimension:** 1-2' H x 4-5' W

**Water:** Medium Requirements

**Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Flower Feature:** Magenta ribbons in spring

**Growth:** Moderate to fast growth

**Fertilize:** Early Spring

**Spring Home Gardening Tips**

- Perennials and all varieties of Liriope should be cut back to the ground. 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.
- Asian Jasmine can be cut back beginning in March. Set your mower on the highest setting to do this.
- After Azaleas bloom apply the first of 3 fertilizers.
- Fertilize Encore Azaleas in the spring after the last frost. Fertilize them again mid to late July.
- Apply fertilizer to turf and beds as grass begins to turn green, usually about the end of March. Use a slow release fertilizer with balanced numbers like 15-15-15.



**Did you know?**

For pre-emergent weed control Precision uses products that have low solubility. Low solubility prevents the product from moving in the soil. It attaches to the soil particles on the surface so it does not run off or leach through the soil profile.

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.

**Grilled Cheese by: Tyler Florence**

**Ingredients**

- 8 slices country-style white bread, sliced 1/2-inch thick
- 12 ounces farmhouse Cheddar, sliced
- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 12 slices bacon, cooked to desired doneness
- 1 green apple, thinly sliced
- Dijon mustard

**Directions**

Heat griddle or large skillet over medium-low heat. Alternatively you can use your panini press if you have one. Assemble sandwich: Generously spread Dijon on 4 slices of bread. Top with slices of Cheddar,

3 pieces of bacon, apple slices and additional Cheddar. Place the remaining bread on top and spread with butter. Place on skillet buttered-side down and butter the remaining side. Cook until cheese is slightly melted and bread is browned. Flip the sandwich and continue to cook until cheese is thoroughly melted and sandwich is golden brown.



***THE BACHELOR***  
***“Women Tell All”***

If you did not have a chance to watch this show you may want to check it out on [abc.com](http://abc.com) or [hulu.com](http://hulu.com).

You may notice a recent employee from Precision, mommy-to-be, Adrienne and her husband Rick Bonds in the audience within the first minute of the show! See if you can spot them!



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