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New Website!

Precision Landscape Management has gotten a 'facelift' on their website! It was a much overdue task, but now that is complete. There are many new features to the site including viewing the newsletter, press releases, articles we have been featured in, ability to place a service request for your job site and more! Check it out at www.precisiondallas.com

We would like to welcome our newest clients to Precision!

- Chateau De Lac
- Texoma Medical Center
2511 Hwy 635
- Independence Plaza
- Lake Point Market
- Gateway Station
- Boswell Town Center
- Overton Park Plaza
- Preston Shepard Place
- Horne Street Market
- Raising Canes— Keller
- Bella Lago
- In Touch Credit Union—
Plano
- Twelve Oaks

Popular Annual Color Choices for Spring

- Petunias*
- Dianthus*
- Dusty Miller*
- Impatiens*
- Alyssum*
- Geraniums*



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Precision Landscape Management

The Gift of Giving Back!

Our company strives to always give back. The last week of November and first week of December employees of Precision Landscape Management (PLM) volunteered their time to pick up Angel Tree gifts from BOMA members and tenants to be distributed to local affiliated charities. Underprivileged kids will get to receive these gifts for Christmas! It warms our hearts to know that we were also able to help in some way.

To learn more about PLM giving back check out our website under the "Company Profile" tab and "Giving Back" page. Also see our pictures from when we collected the angel trees at various buildings on our Facebook page (facebook.com/PLMdfw) in the "Gift of Giving Back" photo album!



Granite Park Office Complex

PLM Department Spotlight: Shop

At PLM we have a shop staff of 6 full time employees who service and maintain all of our equipment and company vehicles on a regular basis, extending the life of the equipment upwards of two years. Mower blades are sharpened regularly which increases the life of the equipment and reduces the CO2 output of the equipment. All used oil from trucks and equipment is reused to heat the shop. Our shop staff also manages our landscape debris recycling program.



Featured News!

PLM was recently featured in a EPA WaterSense Case Study. The EPA WaterSense Commercial Office Building webpage says "Learn how an office complex in Plano, TX reduced its water use by 40% by upgrading its irrigation systems and changing maintenance practices."

The case study begins with PLM's initial involvement at Granite Park. Then goes on to discuss the water evaluation, replacement of clocks with weather based controllers and implantation of routine maintenance which had be ignored and/or delayed. Granite Park office complex saved nearly 12.5 million gallons of water and \$47,000 in one year!

Both proper maintenance of your irrigation system and weather based irrigation controllers are some of the best ways to save water both at your home and office building. According to the EPA "Approximately nine percent of the total water use in commercial and institutional facilities in the U.S. takes place in office buildings. The three largest uses of water in office buildings are restrooms, heating and cooling, and landscaping."

If you would like to know more about weather based controllers for your property, please contact your landscape consultant or our office at 972.241.3789. Also see this article on our new updated website and at <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/commercial/>



EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES September-November (5 plus years)

- Rey Castillo, Vice President of Operations, 22 years
- Jose Oseguera, Maintenance Manager, 18 years
- Jose Garcia, Maintenance Manager, 15 years
- Jose Guterrez, Maintenance Crew, 14 years
- Jose Chevez, Maintenance Manager, 13 years
- Walter Pereira, Porter, 13 years
- Francisco Rosas, Tree Crew, 13 years
- Jose Ventura, Landscape Crew, 12 years
- Jaime Arellano, Maintenance Crew, 12 years
- Elias Gonzales, Shop, 10 years
- Jose Mandujano, Maintenance Manager, 10 years
- Raussel Morales, Maintenance Crew, 9 years
- Steve McMurchie, Landscape Consultant, 9 years
- Jesse Nambo, Irrigation Tech, 8 years
- Albertico Trujillo, Maintenance Manager, 6 years
- Fernando Perez, Maintenance Crew, 5 years
- Antonio Campuzano, Maintenance Manager, 5 years

Did You Know?

During the winter, dry conditions can actually cause more damage to your plants than the cold temperatures. Cool air is generally dry and can pull moisture from the leaves and stems. Watering prior to a freeze helps to assure the plant is well hydrated before the freeze. Water also insulates the roots to keep damage to a minimum.



Check out our website at: www.precisiondallas.com for info & tips on native plants, shrubs, trees, etc. Or find us on **FACEBOOK!**

Seasonal Spotlight Tuscan Blue Upright Rosemary

- **Exposure:** Full Sun
- **Water:** After established, little water
- **Mature Size of Plant:** H: 4' W: 4-5'
- **Leaves:** Herbaceous leaves and clumping habit
- **Bloom Period:** Summer

'Tuscan Blue' is a large evergreen, upright Rosemary with a good flavor making it an excellent culinary herb, or a landscaping shrub. As an herb, Rosemary is used to flavor meat dishes, and condiments. The small blue flowers that appear in mid summer are edible as well, and make a nice garnish for salads. In the landscape Rosemary is used in hot, sunny locations as it is very drought resistant and withstands the heat and humidity well.



Winter Planting Tips

- It's not too late to apply mulch if you haven't. This will help cut down on fungal problems and help insulate roots during winter freezes. You can also ground up fall leaves as your fall and winter organic mulch.
- Remove leaves and debris, including acorns, from beds and lawn areas so insects do not have good spots to spend the winter.
- When a freeze is coming to your area, make sure you protect your tender plants from damage by covering them, with frost cloth or sheets,—Never
- Plastic. You can also use old Christmas lights (the ones that produce some heat) and drape them across the plants under a sheet. Be sure to remove when temperatures climb. Water all plants before a freeze.
- If you have issues with rodents eating your plants, surround your color selection with dusty miller, it acts as a deterrent.
- Make sure you release all the water in your hoses before the freeze. If you have any exterior faucets cover them with a Styrofoam like protector.

Recipe Corner: Pumpkin Trifle

From the Recipe files of Taste of Home magazine

Ingredients

- 1 package (14.5 ounces) gingerbread cake mix
- 1-1/4 cups water
- 1 Egg
- 4 cups cf fat-free milk
- 4 packages (1 ounce each) sugar-free instant butter-scotch pudding mix
- 1 can (15 ounces) solid-pack pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon each ground ginger, nutmeg, and allspice
- 1 carton (12 ounces) frozen reduced-fat whipped topping, thawed

Directions

- In a large bowl, combine the cake mix, water and egg, beat on low speed for 30 seconds. Beat on

medium for 2 minutes. Pour into an ungreased 8-in. square baking pan.

- Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pan to a wire rack. When completely cooled, crumble the cake. Set aside 1/4 cup crumbs for garnish.
- In a large bowl, whisk milk and pudding mixes for 2 minutes or until thickened. Stir in pumpkin and spices until well blended.
- In a trifle bowl or 3-1/2-qt. glass serving bowl, layer a fourth of the cake crumbs, half of the pumpkin mixture, a fourth of the cake crumbs and half of the whipped topping. Repeat layers. Garnish with reserved cake crumbs. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving.
- Yield: 18 Servings

