

Fall, 2010

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Precision Landscape Management

Popular Annual Color Choices for Winter

Violas

Kale

Pansies

Dusty Miller



We would like to welcome our newest clients to Precision!

Hills at Decker Court

TD Industries- HQ

Winstar Hotel

One Turtle Creek

Two Turtle Creek

Annette Strauss Artist
Square

Winspear Opera House

Two Addison Circle

Collin Creek Phase 3



Fall is Coming!

As the days get shorter and we say goodbye to summer, hopefully sooner than later, there are many tasks that must be done in the landscape; a landscaper's work is never done. There is scalping in mid September followed by overseeding with Ryegrass. For properties that are not overseeded there is the application of premergent herbicide. Closely following these will be the installation of the next color change, our Pansies, Violas, Kale, etc. Mulching will begin after overseeding is completed on properties. And Fire Ant control can also be tossed into this mix of important tasks.

Did you know that when we mow your properties we collect all of the grass clippings and send them to a composting facility? This reduces solid waste disposal. In fact just in 2010 (January to August) Precision has sent approximately 19,440 cubic yards to the composting facility!

Be sure you have made your fall/winter color selections. Contact your landscape consultant or our office if you have not already done this.

Fire Ant Control

Fire Ants continue to plague our area and become stronger year after year. Properties that were treated last year had 11 month control some even a full year. Be looking for a letter to arrive by fax in October regarding your approval of a Fire Ant treatment application for your property. Top Choice is a very effective fire ant control treatment. It has very low impact on the environment and does not harm any beneficial insects or earth worms. Engineers also love this product because no ants live in the electrical boxes and they don't have to watch their step while walking the property. If you do not receive a fax and/or are interested in this service please call our office 972.241.3789.

BREAKING NEWS!!!



Precision Landscape is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Bruce Miller Nursery facility located in Prosper Texas. This 11 acre site will eventually become a satellite operation for Precision's expanding services in the North Texas Area. With this acquisition we currently have a large inventory of plant material, pots, planters, and residential chemicals that we will be offering at extreme discounts.

The nursery is located @ 455 W Prosper Trail, Prosper Texas 75078. If you find the time to go check out the inventory we promise great deals. Let us know if you plan on making it so we can let the staff on site know when you will arrive.

We at Precision are very excited to have this new site and thank all of you, our customers for making it possible.

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

TREE PRUNING

The schedule is starting to fill up for fall and early winter tree pruning. Please call and we can put your property on the list. This is an important task that should be performed every two to three years to reduce on weight on the limbs and make them less susceptible to storm damage. Opening the canopy gives improved visibility to your business, signs, and entrances. The underlying turf also receives better lighting to help growth.

All of Precision's tree pruning crews carry a large chipper that reduces debris by 70%. In some cases we are able to re-use the wood chips as mulch. All tree limbs are shredded, and separated from other landscape debris, and sent to a composting facility.

Seasonal Spotlight

Pansies bring colorful winter and spring flowers in shades of yellow, purple, red, white and lavender. The fragrant and edible blooms are desirable in gardens. Pansy popularity increases possibly due to its ease of growing. You can use in containers, borders and interplant with spring flowering bulbs such as Daffodils and Tulips.

The blooms range in sizes:
 Large-3 to 4 inches,
 Medium-2 to 3 inches, and
 Multiflora-1 to 2 inches.



Pansies At A Glance:

Exposure: Full Sun

Water: Average Watering, do not overwater

Mature Size of Plant:
H: 6-8 in **W:** 6-8in

Leaves: Herbaceous leaves and mounding habit

Bloom Period: Fall to Early Spring, Continuous Bloomer

Fall Home Gardening Tips

- It's a great time to apply mulch. This will help cut down on the fungal problems and help insulate plant roots.
- Plant trees starting in October when the weather cools down.
- Fall is the best time to do any plant replacements. Especially from what plants did not survive the harsh winter and hot summer we have had this year.
- When planting your Pansies make sure they are in full sun and Violas can take the part sun. Both of these flowers need good drainage. If they get too wet or there is high humidity they can be susceptible to fungal diseases
- If you are planning a new landscaping project consider using many plants with low water requirements, a.k.a. xeriscaping. There are many plants from which to choose and include Autumn Sage, Four Nerve Daisy, and many kinds of Abelia. Visit: <http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/xeriscape.html> for steps and plant lists.

Grilling Time!

Check out "Goya Mojo Marinade." It is a great, light way to marinate any meat. A tangy blend of orange and lemon juices, accented with garlic and spices. Marinate in a deep dish, the longer the better, then cook as you usually would.

You can find this marinade at Kroger in the Latin/Mexican food section.

From: Bruce Birdsong

Grilled Chicken Wings w/ Chipotle Hot Sauce

from: Bobby Flay, Food Network

Ingredients

- 46 chicken wings
- Vegetable oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- Chipotle Hot Sauce, recipe follows

Directions

Heat grill to high. Toss wings in a few tablespoons of oil and season with salt and pepper. Place on the grill in single layers and grill until golden brown on both sides and just cooked through, about 4 to 5 minutes per side.

Chipotle Hot Sauce

- 1 1/2 c. red wine vinegar
- 2 T. Dijon mustard
- 2-3 T. Chipotle pepper puree (depending on how spicy you like it)

- 3 T. Honey
- 3 T. vegetable oil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1 stick unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 2 T. ancho chili powder

Whisk together the vinegar, Dijon mustard, chipotle puree, honey and oil in a medium bowl. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

Melt butter in a large skillet or a large pot on the grates of the grill. Add the hot sauce mixture and bring to a boil. Whisk in the ancho powder and season with salt, to taste. Add the wings and cook, stirring, for 2 to 3 minutes.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES September-October

- Joel Barton,
Landscape Consultant: 8 years
- Lisa Muirhead,
Secretary: 5 years
- Suzanne Nelle,
Secretary: 4 years



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