

# Growing Concerns

Our Service Is Always In Season

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## Summer Time!

We at MLM hope you are having a great summer! These are the days we dream about; the ones that let us spend more time in the great outdoors. We want to pass along our sincere thanks to you for your business. During these challenging times, we are doing everything we can to remain the "one call" company for all of your outdoor needs. Thank-you!

*Dan and Dave*

## Pest Problems?

For those of you with deer and rabbits eating their way through your plants, there is a solution for you called *Deer Scram*. We have successfully used this product for years. It is a powder with a spicy scent that is easy to apply. Call us for an application or a supply of your own.

## New Website!

Yes, it's true! We jumped on the bandwagon and now have a website of our own. To learn more about MLM check us out at: [monsmalandscape.com](http://monsmalandscape.com)

## Employee Spotlight: Scott Teaker

Scott joined MLM way back in 2003 with a background in golf course maintenance. He has been our landscape foreman for several years and his favorite jobs include wall building. Scott is a sports nut; especially Detroit teams. Yes, unfortunately for Scott, he is a die-hard Lions fan. When Scott isn't busy working or trying to convince his co-workers to join fantasy sports leagues, he enjoys spending time with his wife and newborn daughter.



## Attracting Wildlife

Here are some of the ingredients needed to attract the wildlife that we want to see the landscape:

*Water:* Pond, waterfall, stream or even a bird bath.

*Evergreen trees:* Excellent for nesting.

*Grasses:* Tall stands left uncut give cover for birds.

*Want to see Hummingbirds?*  
Tall Phlox, Catmint, Hosta, Bee Balm and Coral Bells.

*Butterflies?* Coneflower, Butterfly Bush, Joe Pye, Gaillardia and Coreopsis

## Gimme Some Shade

Question: When is the best time to plant a shade tree?

Answer: Twenty years ago.

That would be the smart answer. If you need to play catch-up, we can install instant shade that will help cool your home and be an aesthetic addition to your landscape. With automatic irrigation, even mid-summer installations can be successful. No sprinkler system? No problem. We can get you a *Tree Gator* that holds twenty gallons of water to give your new tree a long, cool drink. Also, properly sited shade trees can have a positive impact on that energy bill.

# Plant Feature: Creeping Lily-turf

Creeping Lily-turf (*Liriope spicata*) is a versatile groundcover that tops out at 8-12 inches. It has narrow blade-like leaves with an attractive dark green color that changes to bronze-green in the winter. *Liriope* has a high resistance to insects and disease and is tough enough to sustain foot traffic. Also, it does well in full sun to shade, is both drought and moisture tolerant, and only needs to be cut once per year. This plant is great for use as a turf substitute in low maintenance areas or as erosion control on steep hillsides.



# Rain Barrels

Rain water can easily be collected and stored in rain barrels. Doing this will help reduce the amount of water sent down the already overloaded storm sewer and can help lower your water bill. With a spigot and a hose on the bottom, water can be released and directed where it is needed. They are available in a variety of shapes and sizes .



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