Blazing a Trail

These trailers leave tow-behinds in the stone age

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The days of trailers as nothing more than extended pick-up beds are behind us.

Today's landscape operations demand more of trailers than just a solid bed. Security — both for workers and for equipment — are key buying criteria.

As landscaping becomes a hotter specialty market, more companies are designing trailers with custom features for landscapers. These features range from special holders for edgers or mowers to nifty lock-down systems that assure that the equipment will still be behind the truck when your crew gets out of the back yard.

Many trailers offer special leveling mechanisms. These mechanisms make the trailers safer to use while allowing easier access onto and off the trailer for heavy equipment like riding mowers.

Check out the products below. There is sure to be something to add to your spring budget.

BIL-JAX, INC. Jax, Archbold, OH. Designed for safe, simple operation, the trailer’s entire bed lowers to the ground, eliminating the need to tilt it. Ramp grade is only six degrees, allowing equipment with low ground clearance to be driven onto the trailer easily. Unit features tie-downs, heavy-duty powder coat finish and a low center of gravity for easy towing.

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LOW-RISE TRAILERS ARE GREAT FOR LOADING BUT NOT SO HOT WHERE GROUND CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED.

LOOK FOR EASY TIE-DOWN LOCATIONS.

CHECK HITCHES FOR BOTH STRENGTH AND COMPATIBILITY.

HAVE NEW EMPLOYEES PRACTICE BACKING UP IN AN OPEN LOT BEFORE Sending THEM OUT ON THE ROAD.

CHECK FOR LEVELING FEATURES — LEVEL TRAILERS ARE SAFER.
this specially designed trailer from the Curb-King division of Tool Engineering & Manufacturing, Brigham City, UT. Heavy duty fenders double as walkways, and cut-away ends on the trailer provide easy loading into wheelbarrows without spillage.

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The elevating platform trailer from Lift-A-Load, Kewanee, IL raises from the ground to 52 in. high while staying level. It will stop at any height for quick, convenient material transfer to trucks, ramps or ground level. Drop the trailer down to pass through low garage doors. Unit comes in either straight tongue or gooseneck hitch and in load capacities of 4,000-15,000 lbs.
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