Efficiency is key to profitable cleanup

BY CURT HARLER

Mike Gilmore, owner of Growing Solutions, Lutherville, MD, knows a landscape professional makes money only when moving quickly from one job to the next.

Gilmore's company can aerate and clean 25 acres a day. He runs two Deere TC125 material collection systems behind four aerators. He'll likely obtain a third TC125 next season. "It's a great machine with simple setup. It does an effective job," Gilmore says.

Gilmore, partnering with a designer on Maryland's East Shore, is developing a machine that shreds the aerator plugs and blows the mulch out the back. "That would make the job even quicker," he says.

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John Deere's TC125 Turf Collection System tow-behind attachment allows one person to pick up and dump aeration cores, sand, clippings, leaves or thatch. It covers a 48-in. swath. Hopper capacity is 25 cu. ft.

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Minuteman-Parker's Scavenger Sweeper

Buying tips

➤ Look for adjustable brushes and rollers on sweepers

➤ See if there are hydraulic dumps on material collection systems

➤ Check hopper capacity

➤ Check load capacity
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