Why they’re special

Check out this lineup of specialty vehicles. One is sure to meet your unique needs

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Timothy Kilgallen’s CSI Landscaping, Scarsdale, NY, does a lot of work in Manhattan. Driving there is tough, never mind pulling a trailer loaded with mowers and trimmers. That was one reason why he equipped his crews with Super Lawn Trucks. They’re not complicated vehicles — a cab-forward Isuzu with an 18-ft. long by 7-ft. high box equipped with customized equipment and tool storage areas.

It is, in some respect, its own lockable maintenance yard since Kilgallen’s crews only have to park the trucks at the end of the day and not load their mowers in the morning and unload them at night.

Laurent Girard, general manager of Pacific Topsoil, Everett, WA, knows about trucks. His wholesale landscape supply outfit has a fleet of well over 100, including five huge material blowing vehicles — three Express Blowers and two Blowtechs.

These vehicles are capable of hauling 40 to 50 cu. yds. of mulch or bark at a time.

Pacific Topsoil operates retail stores in addition to being a major supplier of soils and compost. It also provides contract bark blowing for landscapers, homeowners and property managers.

A single operator can dispense more than 50 cu. yds. of material an hour, depending on its particle size, density and moisture content, says Girard.

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Super Lawn Trucks
Bonaire, GA
www.superlawntruck.com

- Either Isuzu NPR diesel- or gas-powered truck
- Choice of 14-, 16-, 18- and 20-ft. Morgan van bodies
- Exclusive hand and power tool storage system
- On board fuel station option to carry fuel for a week's work

Smithco Red Rider RC85ER
Wayne, PA
www.smithco.com
- Powerful, easy-starting Kohler 8-hp electric start motor
- Simple to maintain, positive belt and chain drive
- Cargo bed low to ground with tailgate ramp
- 12 mph maximum ground speed; weight 720 lbs., crated

Kawasaki Mule 3020
Irvine, CA
www.kawasaki.com
- Digital electronic ignition; 4-stroke, V-twin OHV engine
- Capacities: load, 1,330 lbs.; bed, 803 lbs.; towing, 1,200 lbs.
- Automatic transmission
- Bench seat for two people; front hood storage

TruckCraft TC-120 Ultra Bed
Chambersburg, PA
www.truckcraft.com
- Fits all full-size pickups
- All aluminum and stainless steel construction
- 48 in. by 98 in.; 2.4 cu. yd.; 5,000 lb. capacity
- 300 to 350 lbs. lighter than comparable steel units

EB-60 Express Blower
Eugene, OR
www.expressblower.com
- Built on Class 8 chassis; fully integrated unit
- Can hold and transport 56.6 cu. yds. yd., level load
- Blows between 30 to 100 cu. yd. per hour
- Ideal for both residential and commercial work

Cub Cadet Big Country
Cleveland, OH
www.cubcadet.com
- Powered by a 20-hp Honda V-Twin OHV engine for extra hauling power
- Six-wheel fully-independent suspension for traction, maneuverability
- 1,400-lb. payload; 13.3 cu. ft. capacity
- Standard four-wheel drive; fully welded steel frame

E-Z-Go Textron WorkHorse ST 480
Augusta, GA
www.ezgo.textron.com
- 800-lb. payload capacity and 48-in. load bed
- 16-hp, four-cycle 480cc twin cylinder Vanguard V-twin engine; locking rear differential
- Heavy-duty multiple leaf spring suspension with hydraulic shock absorbers
- Fits in the bed of a full-sized pickup truck

Peterson Pacific Corp. BT 40
Eugene, OR
www.petersonpacific.com
- Truck box capacity 40 cu. yds.; output volume up to 80 cu. yds. per hour
- 5-in. standard discharge hose diameter; 9-in. optional
- 300-ft. standard discharge hose length; up to 800 ft. optional
- One-touch remote control technology

Club Car Carryall 2 Plus
Augusta, GA
www.clubcar.com
- 11-hp gasoline pedal start or 48-volt electric engine
- All-aluminum frame, chassis and cargo box; molded fenders
- Up to 1,200 lb. total vehicle load
- Tilt cargo box with flip-down tailgate
John Deere ProGator
Carey, NC
www.deere.com
- 23.5-hp diesel and 26-hp gas versions
- Five-speed, fully synchronized transmission; go without stopping to change gears
- Hydrostatic steering for precision controls, tight turning radius
- 2,650-lb. payload capacity and hydraulic lift

Kent Mfg.
Venice, FL
941/486-8871
- Aluminum hauler body converts golf car into utility vehicle
  - Manual dump; bench seat; suntop
  - Electric dump motor and bracket optional
  - No welding required

Taylor-Dunn ET3000
Anaheim, CA
www.taylor-dunn.com
- Battery-powered; automotive differential and power traction drive
- Load capacity 3,000 lbs.; speed 18 mph (unloaded)
- Steel cabin with safety glass windshield, wiper
- Four-wheel hydraulic brakes, load range E tires

Solar Bear
Electric Utility Vehicle
Breslau, Ontario, Canada
www.euvehicles.com
- Four-wheel drive; articulating: zero emissions
- Ultra-bright quartz lights; tilt steering; spill-proof battery
- Single pedal control accelerator/regenerative brake
- Interchangeable carrier
**PRODUCT REVIEW**

**Toro Workman**  
Minneapolis, MN  
www.toro.com  
- Both mid-duty, heavy duty models  
- Active In-Frame suspension  
- Highest payload in its class  
- Attachments include a topdresser, sprayer, core harvester, groomer, etc.

**Polaris 500**  
Medina, MN  
www.polarisindustries.com  
- Four-valve, four-stroke, liquid-cooled engine  
- On-demand four-wheel drive with dash-mounted on/off switch  
- Long-travel dual-shock rear suspension  
- Rustproof cargo box with molded plastic liner holds up to half a ton of cargo

**Palmor Products 2100 Trac Vac**  
Thornton, IN  
www.trac-vac.com  
- Truck loader to remove bulk leaves and grass  
- 11-hp Briggs & Stratton engine  
- 12 1/2 ft. of intake hose; 8-in. diameter intake, exhaust hose  
- Heavy-duty nylon turbine housing

**Reading Body**  
Reading, PA  
www.readingbody.com  
- Dump, stake, enclosed truck bodies  
- Lockable toolbox compartments, bin dividers  
- Open cargo area transports loose or solid cargo  
- Lectro-Life immersion priming for rust, corrosion proofing

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