

Continued from page 60 company. It also retains fertilizers and repels salts. Hydrozone, which can also be used on turfgrass, maintains its strength year after year.

Mull was skeptical of the product but tried it. He mixed Hydrozone with backfill dirt when planting new plants. He added it to the soil of existing trees.

"We put it about 2 inches below the soil surface," Mull says. "It's simple to apply."



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Thanks to Hydrozone, the berm around the course is maintaining the plants.

A month later, the plants and trees thrived with new leaf growth. Mull says the viburnums, which dried out before, are especially vibrant.

Because of Hydrozone, Mull is confident the landscape can endure the searing sun and dryness often associated with the southern Florida climate. Mull says the product is pricey, but worth it to prevent thousands of dollars of landscaping from dying, not to mention the cost of the labor used to try to keep it alive. As Mull says, it costs about \$200 to replace a tree and about five bucks worth of Hydrozone to keep it alive. ■

The Company Line

PRODUCTS & SERVICES

► Dethatcher

Sisis introduces a deep dethatcher, the Rotorake 600, which has a 13-horsepower engine, a 24-inch working width and a working depth of 2 inches.

The Rotorake incorporates the Sisis contra-rotation principle, where the reel rotates at high speed against the direction of travel. The blades, therefore, cut upwards continuously throwing material forward rather than pushing it into the surface. The machine is also held to the ground to maintain a regular working depth.

The Rotorake also contributes to aeration. The clean, continuous slits assist water and air absorption through a heavy thatch layer, and integration of top dressings is also improved, according to the company.

For more information, contact 864-261-6218,

www.sisis.com or

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Management book

Ann Arbor Press/Sleeping Bear Press offers *Turfgrass Soil Fertility and Chemical Problems: Assessment and Management*,

a single-source management book to help superintendents overcome fertility management challenges. Written by R.N. Carrow, D.V. Waddington and P.E. Rieke, the book addresses how to establish a sound fertilization

program in a problem-solving manner that not only presents detailed scientific principles, but also applies them to practical management.

The book will help superintendents pinpoint the effectiveness of fertilizer programs.

For more information, contact 800-487-2323, www.sleepingbearpress.com or

CIRCLE NO. 201

Polymer-coated insecticide

Pursell Technologies says it has gained EPA approval for the first polymer-coated insecticide formulated with its patented PRECISE coating technology, which allows gradual release of pesticides through osmotic diffusion. The PRECISE Acephate Granule has substantial application technology. It works in every stage, either as a preventative application or as a curative control for adult insects. The product controls fire ant, mole crickets, sod webworms, cutworms, armyworms, chinch bugs and more.

For more information, contact 256-249-6888 or

CIRCLE NO. 203



▲ Outdoor furniture

Bristol Bench introduces its Signature Series hardwood furniture, featuring laser-engraved logo branding. Corporate branding enhances the prestige of the Bristol Bench Chadwick-style collection. The company's laser-engraving technology enables it to reproduce the finest logo details.

Bristol Bench uses quality standards in manufacturing its furniture for a lifetime of outdoor use. Every piece is crafted with mortise and tenon joinery for durability and strength. The company uses only shorea, a teak family hardwood known for its weight, hardness and weatherability.

For information, contact 800-390-6883, www.bristolbench.com or

CIRCLE NO. 202

Endwall system

HartmanEW offers an endwall system made of plastic for a variety of drainage situations. The pre-fabricated Hartman endwall system is easy to install and requires virtually no maintenance. It has a hollow base that can be filled on site with various materials.

For more information, contact 412-968-5774, www.hartmanew.com or

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