

Grab Bag

Trees help reduce energy costs

Few people realize that trees can reduce home cooling bills by as much as 50 percent, write our friends at Laflamme Services, Inc., Bridgeport, Ct. Planting trees to shade the roof, walls and windows of a home or office will reduce energy costs, even if only 20 percent of the roof is shaded for a day. The amount of shade provided by a tree depends largely upon the type of tree used. Deciduous trees are a good choice: they cool a home in summer and warm it in winter. In summer, deciduous trees block the sun and cool anything underneath. In winter, trees help block the wind while allowing the sun to shine through their bare branches to provide warming sunlight for home or office.

AAN now ANLA

The American Association of Nurserymen is now to be known as the American Nursery and Landscape Association. The change follows a two-year study by members and leaders, says Carl Meyer, president. "Our commitment to excellence in serving [ANLA members] has not changed," says Meyer, who adds that leadership will deliver "unique knowledge" to members.

LM editor, wife blessed in marriage

June 21 was not only the first day of summer, it was also a most special day for LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT editor, Terence 'Terry' McIver, who married Terrie Lynn Banar of Berea, Ohio. The service was held at Grace Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in Middleburg Hts., Ohio. The weather was everything a green industry editor could pray for: sunny and warm, and not a cloud in the sky. McIver says a heartfelt 'thank you' to his green industry friends who have expressed best wishes to the happy couple!

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Compatibility counts

"We urge crew leaders to recruit their help, someone they will work well together with, and it's helped. They're on fire to find somebody good to work with. Usually it's someone they get along with already. So at supervisor meetings we don't hear a whole lot about incompatibility of work styles."

CULLEN WALKER, PRESIDENT, WORKAHOLICS LANDSCAPE MANAGEMENT, NAPLES, FLA.

Moderation in management

"The healthiest grass plant or tree or shrub is the one that has just enough water, just enough fertilizer and is sprayed with pesticide only when it is absolutely necessary. Sometimes less is better."

MKE MEINDERTSMA, DIRECTOR OF GOLF, GRAND TRAVERSE RESORT, ACME, MICH.

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