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## 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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The angled double-diamond brushes on the Gandy Sweep Master turf brush blends light or heavy topdressing into the surface. Available with Cushman Truckster hydraulic package, manual lift tow hitch and other features.

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John Deere's TC125 Turf Collection System tow-behind attach-



ment 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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The Professional Cart from Foster Manufacturing, Racine, WI, has a steel undercarriage and moves on two 26-in. pneumatic tires mounted on reinforced, spoked rims.

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The Model 490 Transporter from JRCO, Minneapolis, MN increases grass catcher's capacity by holding excess grass and leaf clippings, and transports mulch, landscape materials and line trimmer.

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**KADCO USA**  
800/448-5503

The Carry-It cart from Kadco USA,



▲ 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



Amsterdam, NY, is lightweight but made of high molecular polyethylene. Its 5/8-in. solid axle is welded to a three-in. wide steel plate.

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800/895-4589

[www.landscapersupply.com](http://www.landscapersupply.com)

Available for under \$36 in quantity, the 60-gal. green barrels from Landscapers Supply, Spring Valley, NY, can be used as-is or with 56-gal. garbage bags as liners.

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#### LITTLE WONDER

877/596-6337

[www.littlewonder.com](http://www.littlewonder.com)

In the optional swivel wheel kit for the high-output blowers from Little Wonder, Southampton, PA, the front wheel turns 360 degrees, making it easy to turn the unit on turf or pavement.

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#### MTD PRO

330/273-4550

[www.mtdpro.com](http://www.mtdpro.com)

The Pro F8 Tornado Blower from MTD, Cleveland, OH, generates 175 mph air speed and moves 2,500 cfm air volume. It's powered by an 8-hp Briggs & Stratton Industrial Plus.

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#### PARKER

630/627-6900

[www.parkersweeper.com](http://www.parkersweeper.com)

The Scavenger all-terrain litter vacuum from Minuteman, International, Addison, IL, comes with a 5-

hp Briggs & Stratton or Honda engine to turn an all-steel impeller.

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#### SHINDAIWA

503/692-3070

[www.shindaiwa.com](http://www.shindaiwa.com)

The Powerbroom models PB230 and PB270 from Shindaiwa, Tualatin, OR, are recommended for cleaning up turf or removing sand, dirt or fallen fruit. Units are powered by a Shindaiwa-built premium two-cycle 22.5 or 27.5cc engine.

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#### SISIS EQUIPMENT

864/261-6218

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Collect thatch or pick up debris with the Litamina sweeper/collector. It has easily adjusted brush with spiral design that drives refuse centrally into the hopper.

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The FLGR-62 model of the new Grapple Rake from Worksaver, Warsaw, IN mounts to a tractor and comes standard with 1-in. pin-type mounting channels. The SSGR-62 for skid steer loaders uses the "universal attach" system for quick installation.

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