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SNAPPER 888/SNAPPER www.snapper.com

The Pro Cruiser line now has a twin-stick model. The ZMT2500KH lets those who prefer twin-stick steering over a single joy-stick find a comfortable option in a zero-turn radius machine. It comes with a 52- or 61-in. midmount cutting deck. With a 25-hp Kohler Pro Command engine, the unit has a



The ZMT2500KH Snapper

ground speed up to 10 mph. Also new for 1999 is an optional 6-cu. ft. grass catcher with belt drive fan assist assembly and single-lever lid release.

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THE TORO COMPANY 612/888-8801 www.toro.com

The Z-Master Compact Mid-Mount ZRT from Toro is a smaller version of the Z-Master Z200 series. Unit has a cutting height adjustable in quarter-inch increments from 1 in. to 5 in. It operates at speeds up to 8.1 mph, which translates to a cutting speed of 3.7 acres per hour. Machine boasts excellent side-hill stability. It is available with 44- and 52-in. decks and recycler kits are available. Units are powered by either a 17- or 19-hp Kawasaki or 20-hp Kohler Command Pro engines. All



Z-Master from Toro boasts excellent side-hill stability.

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WOODS EQUIPMENT 815/732-2141 www.woodsonline.com

Two new members have joined the Mow'n Machine line. The



The M2250 from Woods

M2250 has a 22-hp Kohler engine and a 50-in. deck and the M2560 has a 25-hp Kohler engine and an offset 60-in. deck. Both have a "user-centered" design that includes adjustable-sus-

ing zero-turn radius model from Yazoo/Kees. New this year, it is a smaller version of the company's ZT Max. Mini-Max comes with a 10-gallon fuel tank, damped steering control, state-of-the-art hydraulics and the same warranty as its big brother. Although built for narrower cutting widths and tighter budgets, it still provides full 1.5-inch to 5-inch cutting heights and on-the-go adjustment.

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YAZOO/KEES 800/723-9496 www.yazookees.com

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The Mini-Max from Yazoo

Maple in trouble

A 10-in. diameter red maple is showing extensive chlorosis. Some of the leaves have interveinal browning. It doesn't look like scorch. There is no marginal leaf browning generally associated with scorch. At the base of tree, there is about 6 to 8 in. of soil mounding and lot of traffic, compaction and surface roots. How can we improve the health of this tree? Can we put soil on the surface roots?

— CANADA

This problem is typical of maple chlorosis generally associated with manganese micronutrient deficiency. However, the problem may also be related to iron and other micronutrient deficiencies. The best way to find out is to send about 50 representative leaves with foliar discoloration to a diagnostic clinic for a nutrient analysis test. Correction can be provided based on test results.

For manganese deficiency, the treatment should be done in early spring during the bud break and leaf expansion period. If it is done later in the year, leaves produced prior to treatment will not green up. Also remember that the treatment response may vary from tree to tree. Success may range from 30% to 50% of the time. Often, trees with codominant stems may show a less-than-satisfactory response.

If correction is not provided, nutritional starvation can cause the browning of leaves between the veins. This may mimic scorching but is not the same.

For compaction, consider:
▶ Aerating with 2-in. auger and filling it with pea gravel. This vertical mulching should help minimize the compaction.

▶ Applying surface mulch to reduce compaction and possibly cover the surface roots.

▶ Planting low-growing ground covers to help cover the surface roots. Maples do produce a lot of surface roots and they can be further aggravated by compaction and traffic.

▶ It is not advisable to add new soil on top of the existing soil because it will suffocate the roots, change the water table and compound the problem.

Basic pest management

We know that destructive pest problems can cause severe stress on plants. We would appreciate your opinion on this topic and some management guidelines.

— NEW YORK

Destructive sucking pests like mites, scales, aphids or chewing pests, such as gypsy moths, Japanese beetles or elm leaf beetles can cause severe damage. Affected plants will decline because of stress — primarily nutritional starvation. Consider providing the management of specific insects, mites or diseases and also provide proper mulching, fertilizing and watering to help improve plant health.

Similarly, there are a number of early foliage diseases such as scab, rust, anthracnose and diplovia that can weaken and stress the plants — making

them susceptible to borers and cankers.

Fungus attacking ornamentals

We understand that the fungus *Verticillium sp.* is a soil-borne fungus, which can attack a number of ornamental plants. We are seeing an increasing incidence of verticillium wilt on maples. Many of them are aggravated by this year's drought. Can you provide a list of plants known to be resistant to *Verticillium sp.*?

— MICHIGAN

You are correct. *Verticillium* is capable of entering its host through basal trunk wounds. This activity is seen more during drought years, like this year. The following list of verticillium will resistant plants might be of interest to you.

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Circle No. 276

Columbia ParCar engine options

Two new models from Columbia ParCar are outfitted with the proprietary Briggs & Stratton 13-hp, 391-cc engine. The GU2400 features a 35-in. length bed and 2,400-lb. capacity, and the GU2400XB Extended has a 60-in. length bed and 2,400-lb. capacity. Both have front and rear suspension and cargo capacities of 12.5 and 20.5 cubic feet. Contact Columbia ParCar at 800/222-4653 for details or

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Electric broadcasters

The **JRCO Inc.** new stainless steel frame electric broadcaster Model 500 series is available with either a stainless steel, foot-controlled gate or push/pull cable. The electric front-mount broadcaster fits commercial walk-behind and riding mowers, and the heavy-duty broadcaster is ideal for spreading all types of fertilizer, seed, fire ant bait and ice-melting pellets. The polyethylene hopper holds 2.2 cu. ft. or 130 lbs. It improves productivity with increased ground speed and a controlled 5-ft. to 24-ft. spread pattern. For more information, call 800/966-8442 or

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Convertible Wheelbarrow

Rich Manufacturing Inc., manufacturer of the Convertible commercial mower, now offers a dump-style wheelbarrow as an attachment. The new Convert-a-Barrow attaches to the convertible when it's in the walk-behind position, allowing the operator



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Gas and diesel Gators

John Deere's Turf Gator in both gas and diesel, plus the new Trail Gator for off-road use, have low ground pressure and a low center of gravity to work on turf without leaving ruts. The large cargo bed measures 44 by 9 by 9 in., with payload capacities that range from 500 to 1,000 lbs. Electric



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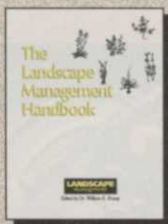
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SUPPLIERS CORNER

Liz Smentowski joined the commercial division of **Rain Bird Sales** as a sales and marketing specialist for the Central and Midwest sales regions. Michael Rivers, formerly a mar-



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American Cyanamid is continuing its Double the Dollars rebate program until the end of the year. The program rewards turf managers for early purchases of Cyanamid's Pendulum herbicide. To get a Double the Dollars coupon, contact

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The Melroe Company, Fargo, ND, in August said it's purchased certain assets of **E-Z Implements**, Jordan, MN. The implements are used in nursery and landscaping. Products include several models of digging and grading attachments, and a line of three- and four-blade tree spades.

Howard Fertilizer Inc. recently honored graduating students of Lake City (FL) Community College's Golf Course Operations, Landscape Technology and Turf Equipment Management programs, hosting a golf tournament that culminated in a scholarship awards banquet, where three outstanding students received \$500 each.

A new \$1.5-million powder coating system at **Ariens Co.**, Brillion, WI, is expected to add productivity and flexibility in manufacturing, say company representatives. The new 15-color operation is designed for quick changeover in production.

Textron reported that its Cushman line of industrial vehicles — those sold to warehouses, manufacturing facilities, shipping and railyards—is now being handled by **E-Z-GO Textron**, a subsidiary of Textron Golf, Turf Care and Specialty Products Group. The integration of operations only affects the Cushman line of industrial vehicles and not the vehicles sold the turf maintenance industry, as had been widely reported.

The Bentley Co., a full-line distributor of outdoor power

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Monsanto Co. has completed the federal regulatory review for its Maverick herbicide, which selectively controls cheatgrass, downy brome and many winter broadleaf weeds.

BlueBird International Inc. announced the addition of Gregg Robisch to its sales team as national accounts sales manager. Robisch is responsible for sales and marketing to all of BlueBird's national accounts as well as to national and regional rental companies and landscape firms.

Dennis Haveman joined **Profile Products'** sales department as the south-central regional sales manager. Haveman is based in Dallas.

Jacklin Seed/Simplot Turf & Horticulture promoted Brandie Chapman to manager of public relations/advertising.



She was previously assistant manager of public relations and advertising.

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