



# Your Yard

## Modern Technology Simplifies Yard Maintenance

(NAPSA)—You can significantly reduce the time spent maintaining your property by employing modern mower technology.

Compared to older tractor-style mowers, modern mid-mount zero-turn riding mowers cut much faster, with enhanced maneuverability. This lets them be much more productive and versatile, as the “turn on a dime” handling means operators can trim closer to landscape features and deftly navigate around flowerbeds.

Instead of the traditional gearbox, a zero-turn rider uses a system of hydraulic pumps and wheel motors to drive the mower forward and backward at variable speeds of up to 10 miles per hour. The zero-turning radius is achieved with independent hydro motors on each drive wheel, which allow one wheel to run forward simultaneously as the other runs in reverse. When combined with freely rotating caster wheels ahead of the cutting deck, the system allows for a zero-turning radius and a heightened level of control.

“For many folks, time is almost more valuable than money,” said Daryn Walters of Exmark Mfg. “The switch from a tractor-style mower to a mid-mount zero-turn riding mower dramatically reduces the time it takes to care for the yard. Not only do users have more time to do what they love, the unmatched cut quality delivers a professionally maintained appearance.”

Walters noted that zero-turn riders are the dominant mower type for professional landscape



**The latest in mower technology can help the grass be greener on your side of the fence without your having to spend a lot of time.**

contractors and the virtues for which contractors choose the mowers are similar to those homeowners want.

In short, he said it’s about doing more in less time.

“Their business is built on delivering a great cut quality, but to be profitable they need to do it as quickly as possible. This is where a mid-mount zero-turn rider shines.”

There are a number of considerations that factor into the ultimate value of the mower. Mower options including higher-horsepower engines, wider cutting decks and accessory bagging systems are available.

Bigger isn’t always better, however, and it makes sense to choose an appropriate zero-turn mower for the property. When selecting a mid-mount zero-turn riding mower, consider overall size, landscaping and budget.

More guidelines on selecting the right mower for a property can be found at [www.exmark.com/NotSureWhatToBuy.aspx](http://www.exmark.com/NotSureWhatToBuy.aspx).