

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO
Form 8-K
August 08, 2011

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 8, 2011

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

1-11593

31-1414921

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**14111 Scottslawn Road,
Marysville, Ohio**

43041

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(937) 644-0011**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On August 8, 2011, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (the Company) issued a News Release reporting information regarding its results of operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended July 2, 2011 and its financial condition as of July 2, 2011. The News Release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The News Release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Regulation G:

Adjusted income from continuing operations and adjusted diluted income per share from continuing operations These measures exclude charges or credits relating to refinancings, impairments, restructurings, product registration and recall matters, discontinued operations and other unusual items such as costs or gains related to discrete projects or transactions that are apart from and not indicative of the results of the operations of the business. In compliance with Regulation G, the Company has provided a reconciliation of adjusted income from continuing operations and adjusted diluted income per share from continuing operations to their most directly comparable financial measures calculated and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). These non-GAAP financial measures are provided solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and are not intended to replace or serve as substitutes for any of the Company s GAAP financial measures.

Adjusted EBITDA - This measure is provided as a convenience to the Company s lenders because adjusted EBITDA is a component of certain debt compliance covenants. Adjusted EBITDA, as defined by the Company s credit facility, is calculated as net income or loss before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization as well as certain other items such as the cumulative effect of changes in accounting, costs associated with debt refinancing, other non-recurring, non-cash items affecting net income and other non-recurring cash items affecting net income that are incurred between April 3, 2011 and June 30, 2012 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$40 million. The Company s calculation of adjusted EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered as an alternative to net income or cash flow from operations as determined by GAAP. The Company makes no representation or assertion that adjusted EBITDA is indicative of its cash flows from operations or results of operations. The Company has provided a reconciliation of income from continuing operations to adjusted EBITDA solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and not as an indication that adjusted EBITDA is a substitute measure for income from continuing operations.

The Company s management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures are the most indicative of the Company s ongoing earnings capabilities and that disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures therefore provides useful information to investors or other users of the financial statements, such as lenders.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

In the News Release issued on August 8, 2011, the Company also announced that its Board of Directors has approved the payment of a cash dividend of \$0.30 per common share, payable on September 9, 2011 to all common shareholders of record on August 26, 2011. The portion of the News Release announcing approval of the dividend, which News Release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired:

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information:

Not applicable.

(c) Shell company transactions:

Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits:

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | News Release issued by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company on August 8, 2011 |

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

Dated: August 8, 2011

By: /s/ David C. Evans

Printed Name: David C. Evans

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice
President, Strategy and Business Development

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