

Meet the Staff



Ashley Bower Operations Administrator Midland Operations

Years with Southland: 2008 - Present

Location: Midland Operations

From: Lexington, SC

About Ashley:

Ashley joined Southland in March 2008 as the Operations Administrator for our Midland Operations office in Lexington, SC.

Her role is essential to the success of the branch, as she handles scheduling, payroll, customer service and human resources.

Prior to joining Southland, Ashley worked as a floral designer for Jarrett's Jungle of West Columbia. She has an Associate in Business from Midlands Technical College and will graduate in December with her Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Limestone College.

Ashley married her husband Matthew this past May and the couple currently resides in West Columbia. In her spare time she plans weddings and enjoys playing Rock Band on her XBOX 360.

If you have any questions or concerns for the Midland Operations office you can reach Ashley at (803) 957-4742 or e-mail her at abower@southlandusa.com.

Southland helps Midwest flood victims

Southland Landscape Corporation recently organized a two-week clothing drive to help those in need due to the devastating floods of the Midwest.



Southland teamed up with other local landscaping professionals and associations to help bring in as many donations as possible. The Greenery, Forever Green, Artigues Landscape Group, the Mom's Club of Mount Pleasant and other individuals from the Charleston area.

The total effort allowed Southland to collect over 100 bags and boxes full of shirts, shoes, pants, socks, jackets and toys. All donations were picked up by the Salvation Army and are on their way to the flood victims.

"It is incredible to have such great companies, associations and the people of our community come together to help others in need," said Brian Pottieger, Vice President of Business Development. "Southland truly appreciates everyone who donated to the clothing drive and we hope that we are able to bring some relief to those suffering from this tragedy."

Has the summer scorched your leaves?

Originally posted by Greencastonline.com

Leaf scorch is starting to show up on trees and shrubs around the state. This is not a disease but rather a physiological problem associated with damaged roots, storm damage, limited soil area, or hot, dry winds. Moisture is lost so quickly that roots can't absorb and transfer water quickly enough to replace what is lost. Though scorch is usually associated with droughty periods, it can appear even when the soil is moist.



Scorched leaves turn brown or in some cases, turn black from the edges between the major veins. If severe, the leaf may drop. Leaves may be affected over the entire tree or may be affected only on one side.

Though scorch can be due solely to the weather, the condition of the roots of plants can make them much more susceptible to this condition. Shallow soils such as those over hardpan or rock lead to a limited root system that may not be able to absorb all the water needed. Trees may be more sensitive to

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Wellness Tip of the Month: Staying Hydrated

With the long, hot Summer days in full swing, we realize the importance of being properly hydrated more than ever. Drinking ample fluids is of the utmost importance with the average high for the month of July has been 91° statewide.

To ensure your health and safety follow the guidelines below to help ensure you stay hydrated all day long.

- Have a beverage with every meal and snack.
- Choose beverages that you enjoy. Several studies show that children and adults consume about 45% to 50% more liquid when it's flavored vs. plain water.
- Eat more fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables tend to have a high water content, which makes them a great option for helping you meet your hydration needs.
- Don't exclusively rely on thirst. Sometimes thirst is not a reliable measure of hydration because of medications or other health conditions. Keep a water bottle or beverage at your desk, in your car, in your bag or wherever you will be reminded to drink.
- Keep beverages at a moderate temperature. Fluids served at moderate temperatures - temperatures that are neither hot nor cold - tend to be consumed in greater volumes.



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scorch this year because of the heavy rains many areas received this spring. Though soils were recharged, in many cases so much rain was received that oxygen was driven from the soil resulting in root damage. That root damage is now making it more difficult for trees to provide all the water needed for the leaves. Also, root damage due to disease, insects, poor drainage or construction can cause poor water uptake.

To help alleviate damage due to dry soils or limited root systems, water once per week if there is no rainfall. Mulching small trees or shrubs will help conserve moisture.

If you have any questions or concerns about scorch you have noticed on your property please contact your local branch operations manager to notify them of the problem and discuss corrective measures that should be taken.

Thanks for Your Loyal Service

The employees listed below are celebrating their anniversaries with Southland in July.

**Clint McCarty - 14 Years - Columbia, SC
Benjamin Vidal - 7 Years - Charleston, SC
Felipe Botho - 5 Years - Charleston, SC
Caesar Valdez - 3 Years - Spartanburg, SC
Luis Lopez - 2 Years - Charleston, SC
Ismael Medina - 2 Years - Charleston, SC
Hector Suarez - 2 Years - Charleston, SC
Kenneth Smith - 1 Year - Spartanburg, SC
Refugio Aquirre - 1 Year - Spartanburg, SC
Mateo Becerra - 1 Year - Columbia, SC
Cindy Gardner - 1 Year - Charleston, SC
Ignacio Aguilar - 1 Year - Spartanburg, SC
Carlos Toro - 1 Year - Columbia, SC
Michael Manning - 1 Year - Columbia, SC
Melchor Martinez - 1 Year - Columbia, SC
Oliverio Hernandez - 1 Year - Columbia, SC
Ivan Godina - 1 Year - Spartanburg, SC
Juan Pablo Garica - 1 Year - Spartanburg, SC**

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Western SC Operations wins Chamber Awards

We are proud to announce that Southland's Western SC Operations office clients have won two first place awards from the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce's Landscaping Contest.

Coming in first place for the category of Commercial B was Denny's Corporate Headquarters, located in downtown Spartanburg, and in the category of Public Service - Small was the Spartanburg County Library - Chesnee Branch.

This is the second consecutive year that Denny's has won the award and the first award for the Spartanburg County Library - Chesnee Branch.

Also earning honors were the Spartanburg County Library - Downtown (Honorable Mention) and the Hampton Inn (Honorable Mention).

Congratulations to all of the winners and a special thanks to all of the hard working crews that work year-round to make these properties look their best.



Landscaping Tips of the Month: July/August



Lawn & Flower Care

- Inspect turf, trees and shrubs for insects and disease; treat as necessary.
- Maintain flowers with fertilization as needed and dead-heading and weeding.
- Fescue lawns can benefit from an application of lime at this time.
- Prune shrubs as needed
- Make sure your irrigation system is working properly. Have your system checked for broken heads that can cause an increase in your water bill.
- Mow the lawn and trim and edge as needed.
- Continue to use post-emergent weed control on shrub beds and lawns as needed

Happy Birthday

Feliz Cumpleaños

Francisco Ocampo 7/3 - Spartanburg, SC
Andres Martinez 7/3 - Spartanburg, SC
Refugio Aquirre 7/4 - Spartanburg, SC
Eric Vaughn 7/5 - Columbia, SC
Rubiel Reyes 7/9 - Spartanburg, SC
John Carter 7/10 - Spartanburg, SC
Jason Getgasorn 7/13 - Spartanburg, SC
Jason Gordon 7/19 - Columbia, SC
Jeronimo Hernandez 7/20 - Spartanburg, SC
Lorenzo Funes 7/21 - Charleston, SC
Hector Perez 7/22 - Spartanburg, SC
Harry Smalls 7/23 - Charleston, SC
Santiago Chino 7/25 - Charleston, SC
Michael Manning 7/28 - Columbia, SC
Guillermo Gonzalez 7/29 - Charleston, SC
Ignacio Aguilar 7/31 - Spartanburg, SC
Emilio Vidal 8/2 - Spartanburg, SC
Adrian Santiago 8/3 - Charleston, SC
Calvin Branton 8/5 - Charleston, SC
Humberto Pacheco 8/5 - Charleston, SC
Bobby Driggers 8/13 - Columbia, SC
Chris Barnes 8/15 - Charleston, SC
Bruce Atkins 8/17 - Myrtle Beach, SC
Josh Reeves 8/19 - Spartanburg, SC
Brian Campo 8/19 - Spartanburg, SC
Augustine Merida 8/28 - Charleston, SC
Hector Suarez 8/30 - Charleston, SC

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