

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO
Form 8-K
October 31, 2008

**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): October 31, 2008

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio
(State or other
jurisdiction
of incorporation)

1-13292
(Commission File
Number)

31-1414921
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

14111 Scottslawn Road, Marysville, Ohio 43041
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

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:

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 Operation and Financial Condition

On October 31, 2008, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (“the Company”) issued a News Release concerning information regarding its results of operations for the three and twelve month periods ended September 30, 2008 and its financial condition as of September 30, 2008. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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

Adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share - These measures exclude charges or credits relating to refinancings, impairments, restructurings, product registration/recalls, 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.

Pro forma adjusted net income and pro forma adjusted diluted income per share - These measures include interest expense and diluted shares which have been computed as if the recapitalization transactions were completed as of October 1, 2006 for fiscal 2007.

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 impact of discontinued operations, the cumulative effect of changes in accounting, costs associated with debt refinancing and other non-recurring, non-cash items effecting income. 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 net income 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 operations.

Free cash flow - This annual measure is often used by analysts and creditors as a measure of a company’s ability to service debt, reinvest in the business beyond normal capital expenditures, and return cash to shareholders. As defined by the Company, free cash flow is equivalent to cash provided by operating activities as defined by generally accepted accounting principles less capital expenditures. The Company has provided a reconciliation of net income to free cash flow solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and not as an indication that free cash flow is a substitute measure for cash provided by operating activities.

The Company’s management believes that the disclosure of these non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information to investors or other users of the financial statements, such as lenders.

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:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	News Release issued by The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company on October 31, 2008

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: October 31, 2008

By: /s/ David C. Evans

Printed Name: David C. Evans

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer

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