

SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO

Form 8-K

July 28, 2005

**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): July 28, 2005

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

OHIO

1-13292

31-1414921

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

14111 SCOTTSLAWN RD
MARYSVILLE, OHIO

43041

(Address of principal executive
offices)

(Zip Code)

(937) 644-0011

(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

N/A

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o 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 July 28, 2005, The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company issued a News Release concerning information regarding its results of operations and financial condition for the three and nine month periods ended July 2, 2005. The News Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The press release includes the following non-GAAP financial measures as defined in Regulation G: (1) adjusted net income, (2) adjusted diluted income per share, (3) EBITDA and (4) adjusted EBITDA. The Registrant'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. As to adjusted net income, adjusted EBITDA and adjusted diluted income per share, restructuring and other charges are excluded as these items typically relate to costs or gains for discrete projects or transactions related to the closure, downsizing or divestiture of certain operations that are apart from and not indicative of the results of the operations of the business. Also excluded from adjusted net income and adjusted diluted income per share are the costs incurred to refinance the long term debt of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company, loss on impairment of intangibles, and a one-time charge resulting from recording a liability for the outstanding balance of the deferred contribution amounts payable to Monsanto under the Roundup agreement. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are provided as a convenience to the Registrant's lenders because EBITDA is a component of certain debt compliance covenants. The Registrant makes no representation or assertion that EBITDA or adjusted EBITDA are indicative of its cash flows from operations or results of operations. The Registrant has provided a reconciliation of EBITDA to income from operations solely for the purpose of complying with Regulation G and not as an indication that EBITDA is a substitute measure for income from operations.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (a) Financial Statements of business acquired
Not applicable
- (b) Pro Forma Financial Information
Not applicable
- (c) Exhibits:

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description</u> |
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| 99.1 | News Release issued on July 28, 2005 |

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SIGNATURES

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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY

By: /s/ Christopher L. Nagel
Christopher L. Nagel
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: July 28, 2005

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