

SANDERS BARRY W  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SANDERS BARRY W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO CO [SMG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY, 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
11/07/2011

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
President

(Street)  
MARYSVILLE, OH 43041

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Shares	11/07/2011		S	(A) or (D) 3,205.897 (1)	\$ 46.641 (2)	D	
Common Shares					376.4717	I	By DSPP

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SANDERS BARRY W C/O THE SCOTTS MIRACLE-GRO COMPANY 14111 SCOTTSLAWN ROAD MARYSVILLE, OH 43041			President	

## Signatures

Kathy L. Uttley as attorney-in-fact for Barry W. Sanders  
 11/08/2011  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
  - \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- Reflects common shares of the Issuer ("Common Shares") sold by the recordkeeper of The Scotts Company LLC Executive Retirement Plan (the "ERP") to satisfy tax withholding liability of the reporting person in connection with the distribution of 9,782.897 Common
- (1) Shares previously credited to the benchmark Company stock fund within the reporting person's bookkeeping account under the ERP as a result of the reporting person's election to treat the retention award entered into on November 4, 2008 as invested in the benchmark Company stock fund.
  - (2) Includes 28,552.58 Common Shares credited to the benchmark Company stock fund within the reporting person's bookkeeping account under the ERP due to (1) the reporting person's election to treat the retention award granted to the reporting person on November 4, 2008 as invested in the benchmark Company stock fund, and (2) crediting of amounts calculated as if invested in the Company stock fund as a result of dividends paid with respect to Common Shares.

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