

Form **990-PF**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Private Foundation**
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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For calendar year 2018 or tax year beginning October 1, 2018, and ending September 30, 2019

Name of foundation
The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation

Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address)
14111 Scottslawn Road

Room/suite
Room/suite

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Marysville, OH 43041

A Employer identification number
61-1794169

B Telephone number (see instructions)
937-644-0011

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐
2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐

E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐

F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity
☐ Final return ☐ Amended return
☐ Address change ☐ Name change

H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation **04**
☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) ▶ \$ **297,130** (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis.)

J Accounting method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual
Other (specify) _____

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	2,472,180			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments				
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	13,979	13,979		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10				
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less: Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)	424,824				
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	2,910,983				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)	8,250			
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	19,075			
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	95			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	432,065			
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	459,485			
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	2,210,553			2,522,723
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	2,670,038			2,522,723	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	240,945				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		13,979			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)					

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Part II Balance Sheets Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions).		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	64,821	183,525	183,525
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	303,061	113,417	113,417
	3 Accounts receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ 188	473	188	188
	4 Pledges receivable ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5 Grants receivable			
	6 Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7 Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
	Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8 Inventories for sale or use			
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a Investments—U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)			
	c Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
Liabilities	11 Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12 Investments—mortgage loans			
	13 Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14 Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
	Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	15 Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16 Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	368,355	297,130	297,130
	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18 Grants payable	2,102,000	1,789,830	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19 Deferred revenue			
	20 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21 Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22 Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23 Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	2,102,000	1,789,830	
	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 24 through 26, and lines 30 and 31.			
	24 Unrestricted			
	25 Temporarily restricted			
	26 Permanently restricted			
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 31.			
Net Assets or Fund Balances	27 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg., and equipment fund			
	29 Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	-1,733,645	-1,492,700	
	30 Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	-1,733,645	-1,492,700	
	31 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	368,355	297,130	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1 Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	-1,733,645
2 Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	240,945
3 Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4 Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	-1,492,700
5 Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6 Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	-1,492,700

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.				
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }		2	
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6): If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c). See instructions. If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8			3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2017	3,209,905	932,376	3.442715
2016	738,439	931,801	0.792486
2015			
2014			
2013			
2 Total of line 1, column (d)		2	4.235201
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years		3	1.411733
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2018 from Part X, line 5		4	788,444
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3		5	1,113,073
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)		6	140
7 Add lines 5 and 6		7	1,113,213
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.		8	2,522,723

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948—see instructions)

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1. Date of ruling or determination letter: _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	140
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b).		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	140
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)	4	0
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	140
6	Credits/Payments:		
a	2018 estimated tax payments and 2017 overpayment credited to 2018	6a	0
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	0
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	0
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	0
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	140
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	0
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2019 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation ▶ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers. ▶ \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ▶ \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by <i>General Instruction T</i> .		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ▶ <u>Ohio</u>		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by <i>General Instruction G</i> ? If "No," attach explanation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2018 or the tax year beginning in 2018? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule. See instructions	11	✓
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions	12	✓
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	✓
Website address ► <u>https://scottsmiraclegro.com/foundation/</u>		
14 The books are in care of ► <u>Alan Heap</u> Telephone no. ► <u>937-644-0011</u>		
Located at ► <u>14111 Scottslawn Road Marysville, OH</u> ZIP+4 ► <u>43041</u>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15	
16 At any time during calendar year 2018, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	✓
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	Yes	✓ No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	Yes	✓ No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	Yes	✓ No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	Yes	✓ No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	Yes	✓ No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	Yes	✓ No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions	1b	
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here		
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2018?	1c	✓
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2018, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2018?	Yes	✓ No
If "Yes," list the years ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions)	2b	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	Yes	✓ No
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2018 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2018.)	3b	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	✓
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2018?	4b	✓

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)

	Yes	No
5a During the year, did the foundation pay or incur any amount to		
(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955); or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? See instructions	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance? See instructions		
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance, check here	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d).		
6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		
If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870		
7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?		
8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation. See instructions.**

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE				

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1—see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors *(continued)***3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services. See instructions. If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services ▶**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1	
2	
3	
4	

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶	

Part X Minimum Investment Return (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	800,451
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	800,451
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	0
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	800,451
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	12,007
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	788,444
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	39,422

Part XI Distributable Amount (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations, check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	39,422
2a	Tax on investment income for 2018 from Part VI, line 5	2a	140
b	Income tax for 2018. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b	0
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	140
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	39,282
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	0
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	39,282
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	0
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	39,282

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes:		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	2,522,723
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	0
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	0
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	0
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	0
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4	4	2,522,723
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b. See instructions	5	140
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	2,522,583

Note: The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2017	(c) 2017	(d) 2018
1 Distributable amount for 2018 from Part XI, line 7				39,282
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2018:				
a Enter amount for 2017 only			0	
b Total for prior years: 20____, 20____, 20____		0		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2018:				
a From 2013	0			
b From 2014	0			
c From 2015	0			
d From 2016	691,971			
e From 2017	3,163,476			
f Total of lines 3a through e	3,855,447			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2018 from Part XII, line 4. ► \$ 2,522,723				
a Applied to 2017, but not more than line 2a			0	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)		0		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)	0			
d Applied to 2018 distributable amount				39,282
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	2,483,441			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2018 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0			0
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5	6,338,888			
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed			0	
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount—see instructions		0		
e Undistributed income for 2017. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2019				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)	0			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2013 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2019. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	6,338,888			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2014	0			
b Excess from 2015	0			
c Excess from 2016	691,971			
d Excess from 2017	3,163,476			
e Excess from 2018	2,483,441			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2018, enter the date of the ruling **▶**

b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
(a) 2018	(b) 2017	(c) 2016	(d) 2015	
b 85% of line 2a				
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed				
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities				
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c				
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:				
a "Assets" alternative test—enter:				
(1) Value of all assets				
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)				
b "Endowment" alternative test—enter $\frac{2}{3}$ of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed				
c "Support" alternative test—enter:				
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)				
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)				
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization				
(4) Gross investment income				

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest.

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc., Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc., to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d. See instructions.

a The name, address, and telephone number or email address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

smgfoundation@scotts.com

b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include.

Electronic- Web-based

c Any submission deadlines:

d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

The awards are granted to 501(c)(3) organizations only. Organizations that have previously received a GRO1000 Grant are not eligible to apply.

Part XV **Supplementary Information** *(continued)***3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient Name and address (home or business)	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
a Paid during the year SEE ATTACHED				2,522,723
Total			3a	2,522,723
b Approved for future payment SEE ATTACHED				743,830
Total			3b	743,830

Schedule B(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

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2018

Name of the organization

The Scotts Miracle-Gro Foundation

Employer identification number

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Organization type (check one):**Filers of:****Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation☐ 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000; or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I **Contributors** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	The Scotts Company LLC 14111 Scottslawn Road Marysville, OH 43041	\$ 1,506,200	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	The Good Growth Alliance 3958 D-Brown Park Drive Hilliard, OH 43026	\$ 965,980	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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		\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
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	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee

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Part VIII, Line 1 (990-PF) - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Foundation Managers

	Name	Check "X" if Business	Street	City	State	Zip Code	Foreign Country	Title	Average Hours
1	Jim King		14111 Scottslawn Road	Marysville	OH	43041		President	
2	Mark Slavens		14111 Scottslawn Road	Marysville	OH	43041		Director	
3	Patricia Ziegler		14111 Scottslawn Road	Marysville	OH	43041		Director	
4	Alan Heap		14111 Scottslawn Road	Marysville	OH	43041		VP, Treasurer	4
5	Su Lok		14111 Scottslawn Road	Marysville	OH	43041		VP, Secretary	35
6	Bernard Asirifi		14111 Scottslawn Road	Marysville	OH	43041		Asst. Secretary	2
7									
8									
9									
10									

	Name	Compensation	Benefits	Expense Account	Explanation
1	Jim King				
2	Mark Slavens				
3	Patricia Ziegler				
4	Alan Heap				
5	Su Lok				
6	Bernard Asirifi				
7					
8					
9					
10					

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Part I, Line 23 (990-PF) - Other Expenses

	Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	Insurance	4,060			
2	In Kind Services/Expenses	424,824			
3	IT/Software License	792			
4	Other Misc. Expenses	358			
	Bank Service Fees	2,031			
	Total	\$ 432,065			

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Part I, Line 18 (990-PF) - Taxes

	Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	Taxes	95			
	Total	\$ 95			

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Part I, Line 16 (990-PF) - Other Professional Fees

	Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	Accounting Fees	8,250			
2	Outside Contracting Services	19,075			
	Total	\$ 27,325			

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Part XV, Line 3a (990-PF) - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year

	Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
1	Restore America's Estuaries			Environment	50,000
2	The Nature Conservancy			Environment	25,000
3	Alliance for the Great Lakes			Environment	25,000
4	Alliance for Water Efficiency			Environment	50,000
5	Council for Watershed Health			Environment	35,000
6	National Association of Conservation Districts			Environment	15,000
7	Everglades Foundation			Environment	300,000
8	New York League of Conservation Voters			Environment	75,000
9	North Shore Land Alliance			Environment	25,000
10	Pollinator Stewardship Council			Environment	42,000
11	Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay			Environment	47,000
12	ORCA			Environment	60,000
13	NRPA			Environment	75,000
17	AWE (new scope of work)			Environment	100,000
18	Franklin Park Conservatory			Gardens - Other	215,000
19	KidsGardening			Gardens - Other	175,000
20	KidsGardening (Garden Kits)			Gardens - Other	6,250
21	National Head Start Association			Gardens - Other	100,000
22	No Kid Hungry (Share Our Strength)			Gardens - Other	150,000
23	Tides Center (National Farm to School Network)			Gardens - Other	44,092
24	US Botanic Garden (HOPS)			Gardens - Other	40,000
26	Memorial Hospital			Gardens - Other	40,000
27	Columbus Foundation			Gardens - Other	30,000
28	Union County Foundation			Gardens - Other	10,000
29	US Conference of Mayors			Gardens - Other	20,000
31	Legacy Scholars			Youth	760,900
32	School Inc			Gardens - Other	7,981
33	Harvest United Methodist Church (Return Check)			Gardens - Other	(500)
				Total	\$ 2,522,723

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Part XV, Line 3b (990-PF) - Grants and Contributions Approved During the Year

	Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
1	Alliance for Water Efficiency			Environment	80,000
2	Galveston Bay Foundation			Environment	54,000
3	National Recreation and Parks Association			Environment	75,000
4	Longwood Gardens (Seed Your Future)			Gardens - GRO1000	100,000
5	Columbus Metro Library			Gardens - Other	100,000
6	Tides Center (National Farm to School Network)			Gardens	34,830
7	Share Our Strength (No Kid Hungry)			Gardens	300,000
				Total	\$ 743,830

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Part VII-A, Line 8b (990-PF) - Statements Regarding Activities

The Ohio Attorney General's office does not require foundations to annually file their Form 990-PF in entirety. The Ohio Attorney General does require an annual report to be filed on-line, which the organization will file prior to the due date.