Scotts Miracle-Gro Acquires Hydroponics Company



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MARYSVILLE, Ohio — The Scotts Miracle-Gro Co. offshoot that targets young, urban gardeners has acquired a Santa Rosa, California-based hydroponics company popular with marijuana growers. It is the biggest acquisition for **Scotts Miracle-Gro**, reported Columbus Business First April 3, 2015.

Hawthorne Gardening Co., a Scotts subsidiary formed in October, purchased <u>General Hydroponics</u>, <u>Inc</u>. and Bio-Organic Solutions, Inc. Terms were not disclosed, but the acquisition should position the company in the growing marijuana market.

General Hydroponics is "a major international supplier of liquid nutrients used to grow food, flowers and indoor marijuana," according to the Santa Rosa Press Democrat. The company was founded 35 years ago by a medical marijuana advocate and now has manufacturing plants in California, West Virginia and France, although the founder said growing non-marijuana plants is the biggest market for the company.

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