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## Sprigs & Twigs Receives Overall Safety Achievement Award

**GALES FERRY, CT** – August 2011- Sprigs & Twigs Inc. recently announced that it was awarded a National Safety Achievement Award from the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET).

The award, part of PLANET's annual Safety Recognition Awards Program and sponsored by CNA, honors those companies with thorough, high-performing safety programs that create and maintain safe work environments in the green industry. It is designed to reward green industry companies that consistently demonstrate their commitment to safety.

Sprigs & Twigs Inc. was evaluated on number of accidents, number of days that employees were away from work, and number of employee injuries and illnesses. In addition, a checklist was used to rate the companies complete safety program.

"We are pleased to be receiving this award," says Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. President, Linda K. Lillie, "It means a lot to be recognized for our efforts to be a safer company. Our hard work will continue as our company grows."

PLANET is the association of members who create and maintain QUALITY OF LIFE in communities across America. With nearly 3,600 member companies' and affiliates, these firms and their employees represent more than 100,000 green industry professionals. Some of these professionals have taken the extra step of becoming certified through PLANET and bear the distinction of being known as Landscape Certified.

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. is owned and operated by Linda and Bill Lillie and is celebrating its 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary, having served Southeastern Connecticut since 1997. They offer a full range of landscape design, installation and maintenance services specializing in environmentally-friendly, low maintenance, naturalistic landscapes. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. also provides professional tree care services including removals, pruning, fertilization, aeration, disease & insect control and cabling & bracing. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. also provides a full range of organic lawn care services as well as mowing and trimming, rainwater management services and stonewalls, stone patio and walkway construction.

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. was awarded the **Professional Landcare Network (PLANET) Distinction Award** as part of the 2010 Environmental Improvement Awards Program for a complete landscape design and installation project in East Lyme. Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. has also been named **2008 Landscaper of the Year, National Finalist** by *Total Landscape Care* magazine and was chosen for **ABC-TVs the Extreme Makeover Home Edition,** Landscape and Tree Removal Teams for the Girard Project in December 2008. They have been featured on **CNN** and in **FORTUNE** magazine.

Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. is a member of the Professional Landcare Network (PLANET), NOFA Organic Land Care Program, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) - Connecticut, Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut, Ecological Landscaping Association (ELA), American Horticultural Society (AHS), Connecticut Nursery & Landscape Association (CNLA), Connecticut Tree Protective Association (CTPA) and Association of Professional Landscape Designers (APLD).

More information about Sprigs & Twigs, Inc. can be found at: <u>www.SprigsandTwigs.net</u>