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**VALLEY BUSINESS PROVES RECESSION RESISTANT**  
*Family-owned retailer Bug & Weed Mart marks 34 years of growth*

**Phoenix, Ariz. – (Feb. 04, 2013)-** Bug & Weed Mart, a locally owned do-it-yourself supply store, specializing in pest and weed control, generated an overall profit growth of 13 percent in 2012, proving that small business can thrive during the recession.

2012 concluded as another successful year for family-owned business, which has consistently maintained a growth in sales every year since opening its doors. Owner and founder Jim LaBrie has been dedicated to providing customers with professional products, equipment and advice on how to get rid of household pests and weeds since 1979.

“Our customers come to us with a problem and we are able to provide them with an affordable solution that works,” explained LaBrie. “While we carry an excellent selection of products, I believe our success is a direct result of our commitment to customer service. Our highly knowledgeable staff takes great time and care providing free instruction to our customers to ensure efficiency and safety in the removal of pests and weeds,” added LaBrie.

In 1979, LaBrie opened his first store in Mesa. Soon after, he left behind his corporate career to dedicate his full attention to serving customers and growing the business. Today, Bug & Weed Mart has five retail locations in the Valley, including Gilbert, Mesa, Phoenix, Tempe and Scottsdale.

“Fortunately for us, bugs and weeds are two things people always want to get rid of, so I anticipate 2013 will be another successful year for us,” said LaBrie.

For more information on Bug & Weed Mart visit [www.bugweedmart.com](http://www.bugweedmart.com).

**ABOUT BUG AND WEED MART**

Founded in 1979, Bug & Weed Mart offers professional grade products, equipment and guidance. With a highly experienced staff the retail chain provides free, friendly and easy-to-understand information about all aspects of do-it-yourself pest and weed control. For more information on Bug & Weed Mart’s services and five valley-wide locations visit [bugweedmart.com](http://bugweedmart.com)

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