

Where's Spring 2014?

The calendar shows that we are in the spring season, but Mother Nature is a bit confused. Hunting for spring is like finding the end of an April rainbow, it isn't going to happen. It has been quite a while since spring in New England has been this cold and rainy. After this Winter I think most people couldn't wait to get outdoors and do some gardening, barbeque with friends, and go swimming. Well, the month of May has left all of us still wanting the same thing.

It looks as if we are 2 to 3 weeks behind where we usually are at the end of May. Grass is growing and plants are finally beginning to show signs of life. May has brought us to the realization that most of us had substantial "winter burn" on some of our favorite shrubs. With the late arrival of landscape stock in most nurseries it was difficult to replace damaged shrubs early.

It has been a great spring for planting grass, cool and rainy. For those of you who still need to get out there and do some re-seeding, it's not too late. Most people think when the month of June rolls around that they cannot get grass to come up because it usually is too hot, not this year. Unfortunately Accuweather has just come out with the June forecast – and it doesn't look good.

Only 3-4 days reach the 80-degree mark. Not good! I am sure that July and August will be so hot that we will want the cooler temperatures once again. Can we ever be happy with the weather in New England – don't blink because I am sure the weather will change.

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