



# WEATHERWORKS

## THE WEATHER TRACKER

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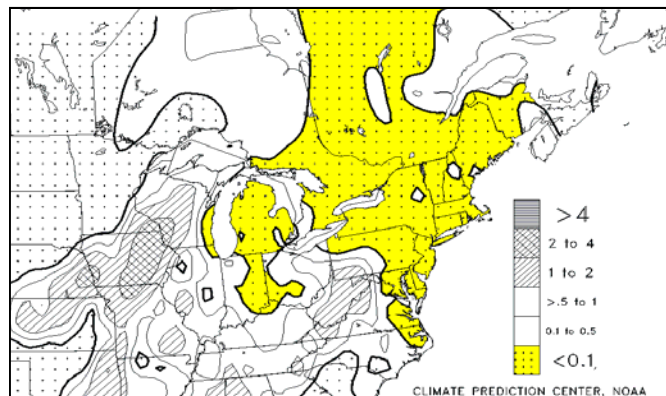
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### A Dry April

We all know the old adage about April showers bringing May flowers. Unfortunately, for much of April, very little rain fell causing much concern about the prospects for a dry growing season. As the map below details, a vast area of the Northeast United States received less than 0.1 inch of rain during the middle of the month. Another result of the large ridge over the eastern

third of the country was a prolonged stretch of above normal temperatures. The resulting pattern was much like a desert climate, with cool mornings and warm afternoons. Some locations had lows near 40 in the morning yet high temps in the mid 80's. This extended warm and dry stretch was not good news to

landscapers and property owners. The mild temperatures caused trees and plant life to bloom earlier than normal. In many cases, little available water, necessitated watering of grasses and other plants and trees to ensure a healthy season. Additionally, the dry conditions led to an increased threat of brush fires, thankfully winds were not very gusty keeping the number of reported fires to a minimum.



Apr 13-19 Total Precipitation: Climate Prediction Center

Fortunately, the ridge broke down towards the end of the month, and a large (and cold) area of low pressure moved across the country. On its way east, snow fell in the upper Midwest. Meanwhile, in our region, nearly everyone saw between one to two inches of rain to close out the month.

### Keeping an Eye on the Sky



As warm-season operations get into full gear, it is time for a reminder on how to fully utilize the work day in relation to the weather. Our daily forecasts sent in the morning will try to illustrate when the best time to get in work is and details on any developing precipitation threats.

One of the most important aspects of weather for landscapers or outdoor workers is incoming rain or thunderstorms. If you

see darkening clouds and need to know if your guys will have to come inside, the alert package includes telephone consultation which allows you to give [WeatherWorks](#) a call to see if approaching weather is going to threaten the specific area.

Although severe weather is not as vital to work as the snow/ice season, [WeatherWorks](#) will issue similar alerts for potential **widespread** and **significant** weather. This would include conditions that are favorable for severe thunderstorms, tornadoes and floods. If the region were to ever be affected by a strong tropical system, detailed alerts and forecasts would be issued.

### What is an Alert Package?

Along with our [Certified Snowfall Totals™](#) package, [WeatherWorks](#) offers unparalleled detailed forecasts, unlike any other publicly available products. The forecasts include a morning update to help plan any of your outdoor activities and in the Winter time, **detailed snow/ice forecasts and updates**. Also included is unlimited telephone consultation to help with decision making and a personalized weather data webpage. If you are looking to upgrade to an Alert Package, please call or contact [Kevin Hopler](#)



### Maximum April Temperatures

Philadelphia, PA	87 F
Washington, DC	85 F
Hagerstown, MD	85 F
Baltimore, MD	85 F
Allentown, PA	84 F
Boston, MA	84 F
Trenton, NJ	84 F
New York, NY	84 F
Hartford, CT	83 F
Newark, NJ	82 F

## MEET THE METEOROLOGIST

**John Leo**



John has been with the company for nearly 20 years and many clients are familiar talking to him during Winter Evenings and Saturdays. Always a snow lover, he graduated with Frank Lombardo from Kean University.

John always has had an interest in aviation and both of his sons work in the industry (one is a certified pilot)

## WEBSITE OF THE MONTH



<http://www.usda.gov/oce/weather/pubs/Weekly/Wwcb/index.htm>

This webpage is a weekly bulletin that provides climate and agricultural information. Check out the article at the top of the page for more info.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 26 Memorial Day
- Jun 18-21 SIMA Symposium  
Buffalo, NY
- Click [HERE](#) to register

## Summaries on Climate and Moisture Data

As the landscaping season continues to get underway, we would like to pass along a product that is a good read for weekly weather data, statistics as well as growing season info. The US Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and US Department of Agriculture collaborate to produce the "[Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin](#)".

The bulletin is free to the public and accessible online. There is a wide range of information in

each issue with the national weather summary providing a nice overview of what happened across the United States. More importantly, there are some terrific graphics and images showing various climate information and moisture data.

This information can be very helpful to those companies or

departments that have landscaping operations. Unfortunately, a lot of the data is for agricultural use, however the data (especially for moisture) is very useful for landscapers.

Click the logo below for access to the current issue as well as archives. The bulletin is updated Wednesdays at Noon.



## Looking for an Accurate Weather Forecast on the Golf Course?



**Mygolfweather.com** is now in its second year and has again been launched for the 2008 golf season. This service which is run by the meteorologists at [WeatherWorks](#) is available for free to the general public as it helps golfers plan accordingly for play.

The mission is simple at [mygolfweather.com](#)...to provide the most accurate weather forecast necessary so that any golfer can

effectively schedule a round of golf at any time of the day. On The Weather Channel and other online services you will see a "30% chance of rain". But what does that mean? At [mygolfweather.com](#), we provide you with the specifics so you know exactly when the rain will occur during the day. If you or someone you know is an avid golfer or just enjoys to occasionally play through-

out the year, make sure to check out our site for detailed forecasts, upcoming tournaments and subscribe to our free newsletter! In addition, options are available for **company advertising**. We also have discounted tee times to select area courses.



MAY AVERAGES (30 year averages: 1971-2000)						
	Boston, MA (BOS)		Newark, NJ (EWR)		Baltimore, MD (BWI)	
	May 1	May 31	May 1	May 31	May 1	May 31
High Temp	62	72	66	76	69	79
Low Temp	45	55	49	59	47	57
Precip (Mo. Total)	3.24"		4.46"		3.89"	
Snowfall (Mo. Total)	Trace		Trace		0.0"	
Sunrise	5:39AM	5:11 AM	5:55 AM	5:28 AM	6:07 AM	5:42 AM
Sunset	7:44 PM	8:14 PM	7:53 PM	8:21 PM	8:00 PM	8:27 PM

### May 2008 Temperature Outlook

After a chilly start to the month, temperatures will rebound and actually warm to near or slightly above normal. The end of the month usually brings our first stretch of significant warmth and/or humidity.

### May 2008 Precipitation Outlook

May should see a return to near normal precipitation patterns. Total precip should be around the monthly average, however there will likely be a dry stretch or two that may last five days of longer.