



A Green Note May 2016

Hooray for Rain!

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Hooray for Rain! No seriously, all this rain is great for your lawn! It may be a little depressing for us humans, when it is day after day for a week, but our lawn is loving it! Soil is a living thing, just like our bodies and the things it needs (that we have control over) is food, water and oxygen. We provide the food with the organic fertilizer, water by sprinkler or irrigation or the heavens, and oxygen comes from aeration.

Watering Practices: If there is no rain for 5 or more days, it is time to turn on your sprinkler or irrigation system. The best time to water is early in the morning between 6 and 8AM. And again later in the morning between 11AM and noon. Water for 15–20 minutes only. Never water in the evening, because the soil doesn't have enough time to dry and that sitting water can lead to moisture issues and disease. A sprinkler times is a great investment.

May Mowing Practices Now is the time to mow at 3" - 3 1/2".

Reminder: ALWAYS return grass clippings to the yard. This acts as a top dressing and nitrogen is returned back into the soil. This is very good for your lawn. Nitrogen = GREEN.

May Services:

If you are on our [fertilizing program](#), we will be out for a quality inspection and spot treat for weeds, including lawn clover, chickweed, ivy etc. No fertilizing this month, except for new customers.

If you are on our [mowing and/or maintenance program](#), we will be out for a quality inspection and perform general maintenance on your flower beds.

The Seeding window is now CLOSED: We will start seeding again in early September.

SPECIAL OFFER: 15% discount on fall aeration and over seeding. Offer ends June 15th. Call to get on our schedule now!

Native Plant Source: Edge of the Woods Nursery 2415 Route 100, Orefield www.edgeofthewoodsnursery.com

Classes and workshops coming up:

Native Plant Garden Tour: May 15

Tree Care for the Modern World: June 11

Nursery and Garden Tours:

Tuesdays at 10:00AM, all season

Third Thursday at 6:30PM, April–June

Featured Plant (April–June): *Lonicera sempervirens* (Coral or Trumpet Honeysuckle)

Habitat: Vine

Duration: Perennial

Height: 15-20'

Bloom Time: March–June

Enjoy the benefits: Attracts birds, butterflies and hummingbirds. Special value to bees!

Featured Friend: Willow Haven Farm, 7686 Herber Road, New Tripoli
www.willowhavenfarm.com

Their Saturday market is from 11AM–1PM. Enjoy fresh, homemade pizza straight out of the brick oven, made by Farmer DeMaster himself. Unique and delish ingredients every time! Also go to check out the new baby pigs! Super cute! Tell them the #1 Lawn Guy sent you.

